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## KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY. TIME-TABLE.

WEEKS DAYS.

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon ...Dep.	8.40	8.05	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.15	4.35	7.15
Yammat ...Dep.	8.49	—	9.20	10.07	12.07	1.23	—	4.42	7.23
Shatin ...Dep.	7.01	—	9.33	10.19	12.19	1.34	—	4.54	7.35
Taipei ...Dep.	7.15	—	9.45	10.33	12.33	1.47	—	5.07	7.48
Taipei Market Dep.	7.20	—	9.53	10.38	12.38	1.51	—	5.11	7.53
Fanning ...Dep.	7.30	—	10.05	10.46	12.46	2.01	—	5.21	8.02
Shuangshui ...Dep.	7.35	—	10.10	10.51	12.51	2.06	—	5.26	8.07
Shuangshui ...Arr.	7.41	8.45	10.18	10.57	12.57	2.12	3.55	5.32	8.13
Canton ...Arr.	—	1.50	5.38	—	—	6.03	—	—	—

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Canton ...Dep.	7.18	8.05	10.24	—	11.27	2.33	4.41	5.49	8.30
Shuangshui ...Dep.	7.25	8.12	10.41	—	11.44	3.05	4.48	5.58	—
Fanning ...Dep.	7.30	8.16	10.45	—	11.49	3.10	4.52	6.00	—
Taipei Market Dep.	7.40	8.26	10.56	—	12.00	3.21	5.02	6.10	—
Taipei ...Dep.	7.44	8.31	11.00	—	12.05	3.26	5.07	6.15	—
Shatin ...Dep.	7.57	8.44	11.13	—	12.18	3.39	5.20	6.28	—
Yammat ...Dep.	8.11	8.46	11.25	—	12.31	3.51	5.32	6.40	—
Kowloon ...Arr.	8.17	9.02	11.31	11.49	12.37	3.57	5.38	6.46	7.04

### SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon ...Dep.	8.40	8.05	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.15	4.35	7.15
Yammat ...Dep.	8.49	—	9.20	10.07	12.07	1.23	—	4.42	7.23
Shatin ...Dep.	7.01	—	9.33	10.19	12.19	1.34	—	4.54	7.35
Taipei ...Dep.	7.15	—	9.45	10.33	12.33	1.47	—	5.07	7.48
Taipei Market Dep.	7.20	—	9.53	10.38	12.38	1.51	—	5.11	7.53
Fanning ...Dep.	7.30	—	10.05	10.46	12.46	2.01	—	5.21	8.02
Shuangshui ...Dep.	7.35	—	10.10	10.51	12.51	2.06	—	5.26	8.07
Shuangshui ...Arr.	7.41	8.45	10.18	10.57	12.57	2.12	3.55	5.32	8.13
Canton ...Arr.	—	1.50	5.38	—	—	6.03	—	—	—

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Canton ...Dep.	8.05	10.34	11.09	11.37	2.58	5.00	5.34	5.58	6.34
Shuangshui ...Dep.	8.12	10.41	—	11.44	3.05	5.07	5.41	6.03	—
Fanning ...Dep.	8.16	10.46	—	11.49	3.10	5.11	5.45	6.07	—
Taipei Market Dep.	8.26	10.56	—	12.00	3.21	5.21	—	6.17	—
Taipei ...Dep.	8.31	11.00	—	12.05	3.26	5.26	—	6.21	—
Shatin ...Dep.	8.45	11.18	—	12.19	3.39	5.39	—	6.34	—
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### ASTONISHING OPERATIONS.

Scientists and others, from the days of Faust or Cagliostro to those of Voronoff, have been seeking for the secret of perpetual youth. A Manchester surgeon now claims to have found something approaching it.

The *Evening Standard* recently gave remarkable details of the results said to have been obtained by Dr. A. J. C. Magian, of that city, by the grafting of glands from one woman to another.

Dr. Magian claims that by a simple operation women who were childless before have become the mothers of families. His experiments, although suggested by the Voronoff method, have nothing to do with "monkey glands."

Many distinguished symbols append the name of Dr. Anthony John Capper Magian, the surgeon and obstetrician. The woman of the future may add two other letters if Dr. Magian's hopes, as he has defined them, are realised.

Still a comparatively young man, Dr. Magian, even before taking up his present onerous appointments as senior honorary surgeon at St. Margaret's Hospital for Women, Manchester, and surgeon and gynaecologist to the Manchester French Hospital, had a distinguished career in gynaecology.

Following a private address to the Medico-Chirurgical and Obstetric Society, he disclosed to the *Evening Standard* that for nearly ten years he has been performing a gland transfer operation with success so startling that women, previously childless, have since borne children and have enjoyed a complete re-invigoration in general health, with a corresponding benefit to their looks.

"My Own Discovery."  
Of course, said a press representative, I put the question to Dr. Magian at once: Is this a development, or a departure arising from the Voronoff monkey-gland treatment?

Dr. Magian, quiet, incisive, gave me a frank and illuminating reply. "The operation is my own discovery," he said. "I first conceived the idea, when studying Dr. Voronoff's work in experimental surgery in Paris, and his theory of monkey-gland transference. It occurred to me that it was a repulsive thing that a living part of an animal should be introduced to function in a human body. I decided the question very closely, to ascertain if that objection could not be overcome."

"It then occurred to me that in operations at the hospital I frequently happened that glands were removed from women for various reasons. I asked myself: 'Cannot they be transferred to a healthy young woman who lacks them?' After a full consideration, my answer was 'Yes.'"

"I have transferred the gland to about a hundred women. The grafting was remarkably successful. To hitherto sterile women children were born."

"Youthful Good Looks."  
"Then came a development I had not anticipated. Women observed that other women who had undergone the operation had improved conspicuously in appearance. They came to me and said, 'Will you please perform this new operation of yours that brings back youthful good looks?'"

"I told them that I was not primarily interested in good looks. They persisted, and then I evolved a different form of operation which merely inserted the gland under the skin. That, also, was perfectly successful. Their health improved; so did their looks."

"With a vision of a world filled with lovely ladies. 'Do you believe the operation will become general?' I asked Dr. Magian. 'Possibly,' he said. 'I have no disposition to advertise myself. I certainly think, however, that the process should be examined thoroughly by qualified opinion as Dr. Voronoff's theory was examined.' (Continued on next column.)

## EARLY DAYS OF AVIATION.

RECOLLECTIONS OF A  
PIONEER.

### BALLOON TRILLS.

"It was a society like the early Christians; it practised fellowship and the community of goods." That is the epitaph on the pioneers of aviation of whom Major C. C. Turner writes in his book, "The Old Flying Days" (Sampson, Low, Marston & Co., Ltd., 21s.).

Major Turner is an expert, not one of the theoretical experts who deluge the Press with wild tales of "giant" aircraft and "record" performances, but a man who was himself one of the first pilots in the country. He knew as friends and comrades the early pioneers.

"Some of them became famous," he writes. "Some fell by the way-side, martyrs in the cause." The tragedy of his book, indeed, is that on almost every page he has to refer to "the late Mr. C. C. of some hero who, had he lived, would have been only middle-aged to-day."

His book is the finest and most authentic history of the early years of aviation that has yet been published. It is more than that; apart from its value to all aviators, it contains descriptive writing of a high standard.

This is what he writes of the landing in Sweden after his famous record-breaking flight across the North Sea in 1907 in a balloon:-

"We came down, through the clouds at a great pace, letting the balloon fall as fast as we could, and no doubt descending at about 1,500 feet a minute. As the gas poured out through the valve, and the remaining gas contracted, the neck of the balloon sagged up, and the bottom made a concavity which braked our downward rush."

"Jump! Clear!"  
"The air made a great noise pouring through the rigging. Suddenly we emerged from the clouds, and before us was a coast-line with waves breaking angrily on it and a forest stretching to the water's edge and sending up a great volume of sound, of the wind tearing over it and teasing the tops of the trees. Caudron was afraid one of us might be carried away, and said we must all jump clear together the moment the balloon struck."

"He told us to kneel on the edge of the basket, and we did this when at about 800 or 1,000 feet. He was now throwing out ballast as fast as he could in order to break the fall, and in a few minutes we could see the trail-ropes tearing through the trees, setting up a continual jolting in the basket."

"Now we all hung outside, holding on to the rigging, and thus we crashed down through the trees to the sound of rending branches, nevertheless striking the ground so heavily that, willy-nilly, we all fell off."

"The balloon paused for a moment, as if to take breath, and then away it went with a force a hundred men could not have stemmed. Even so peaceful a pastime as ballooning has its thrills."

"Definite stipulations I insist upon. There must be no monetary interest in this transfer of glands, and both patients must be absolutely healthy."

"What would be the effect on a woman past youth?" I inquired. "Her health would improve," said Dr. Magian. "To my query 'Is it a permanent fertility that the operation introduces?' Dr. Magian replied: 'That has yet to be proved. There has not been time for that to be established. I don't see why it should not be so.'"

"Could the operation be performed generally?" Dr. Magian considered. "I cannot say," he declared. "I only know what I can do. The transfer should occupy no more than half a minute. Its success largely depends on the speed of the transfer. Neither woman suffers the slightest in health from the operation. The woman who gives the gland does not suffer permanent loss. I emphasise that."

"Finally, I am convinced myself that it is a sound and practicable project, and a beneficent."

## DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

Winter Solstice (Tung-chich).  
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Hockey: Club "A" v. University, King's Park, 5 p.m.; Y.M.C.A. Xmas Concert for Services, City Hall, 7 p.m.; Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.; Queen's Theatre: "The Chinese Parrot"; World Theatre: "The Last Days of Pompeii"; Star Theatre: "Wandering Husbands"; Principal Mails: Inward: Europe via Siberia (Kashgar).

Saturday.

Christmas Eve.  
Golf: Christmas Meeting, Fanning. Steeplechase Meeting, Kwant. Cricket League: Division I: C.S.C.C. v. University. Division II: University 2nd XI v. H.K. Electric Co.; Navy v. K.C.C. 2nd XI. Friendly Cricket: Married v. Single (H.K.C.C. ground); Kowloon C.C. v. Navy (first day). Rowing: Annual Race for the Hornell Cup, R.H.K. Yacht Club, 3.30 p.m. Interport Football Trial: Royal Navy v. Probables, H.K.F.C. ground, Happy Valley, 3.45 p.m. Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; H.K. Hotel Christmas Eve Carnival. Cafe Regent and King Edward Hotel dinner dances, 8 p.m. Queen's Theatre: "The Chinese Parrot"; World Theatre: "Wandering Husbands"; Principal Mails: Inward: Europe via Suez (Dessah). Outward: Europe via Marseilles, etc. (Kashgar), 10.30 a.m.; Europe via Siberia (Devanha), 5 p.m.

Sunday.

Christmas Day.  
First Day of Rejab. Golf: Christmas Meeting, Fanning. Farewell Sermon of Rev. H. Copley Moyle, St. John's Cathedral. "Cheer O" Y.M.C.A. Men's Meeting, 7.45 p.m. Queen's Theatre: "The Kid Brother"; World Theatre: "The Palm Beach Girl"; Star Theatre: "I.N.R.I." Principal Mails: Inward: Canada, U.S.A., etc. (President McKinley).

Monday.

Boxing Day (Bank Holiday). St. Stephen's Day. Yachting: Cruisers race for Potts Challenge Cup to Macao, start 7.30 a.m. Golf: Christmas Meeting, Fanning. Fanning Hunt: Meet for Paper Hunt for December Cup at Mr. Potts' Bungalow, 11 a.m. Cricket: H.K.C.C. v. Army (first day); Kowloon C.C. v. Navy (second day); University 2nd XI v. R.A.O.C.; Recruit v. H.V.D.C. Football: Sunday Herald Charity Cup Competition: Scotland v. Portugal, H.K.F.C. ground, 3.45 p.m. Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Y.M.C.A. Services Social Evening, City Hall. H.K. Hotel Special Dinner Dance. Regulate Bay Hotel Boxing Night Carnival Dance. Cafe Regent, dinner dance. Queen's Theatre: "The Kid Brother"; World Theatre: "The Palm Beach Girl"; Star Theatre: "I.N.R.I." Tuesday.

St. John the Apostle and Evangelist.

Public Holiday.

Golf: Christmas Meeting, Fanning.

Fanning Hunt: Meet at Sheung Shui Police Station, 10 a.m.

Cricket: H.K.C.C. v. Army (second day); University v. Queen's Regt.

Football: Sunday Herald Charity Cup Competition: South China v. England, H.K.F.C. ground, 3.45 p.m.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.; Queen's Theatre: "The Kid Brother."

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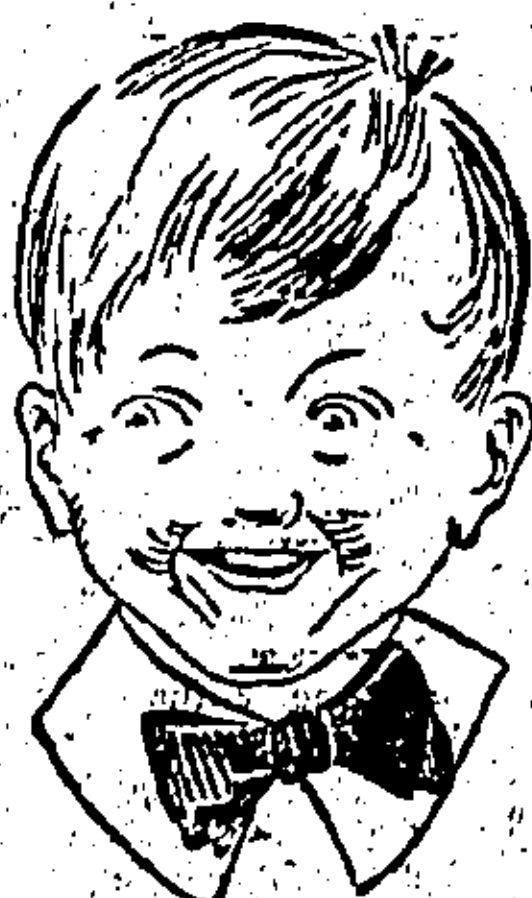
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## HEN AND FIVE KITTENS.

Much interest has been aroused in the Cornish countryside around the fishing village of Portloe by the way that a whippet at the Ship Inn, whose whelps were drowned, adopted and mothered a brood of little chickens. She was much concerned when they began to sleep up on a high perch, and stood whining at the foot of the roost until they were handed down for her to herd into a compact little group, which she cuddled up to her as though they were pups.

There was a rather similar case at another seaside inn, at Lulworth Cove, where a sparrow adopted three ducklings, trotting to and from to the water with them, and cuddling them up to her when she thought they needed a nap. A collie named Teddy, on an ostrich farm near Los Angeles, has been a confirmed foster-mother of baby ostriches for years. A German Alsatian which had been deprived of her pups adopted a playful family of five tiny kittens, and an English setter on an Arizona ranch mothered a baby wildcat along with her own four puppies.

At Spout House Farm, near Garstang, a hen was found sitting on five newborn kittens and two eggs. The eggs and four kittens were taken away. Next morning the hen was found there again, sitting on the kittens as though it were her chick and vigorously pecking at the mother cat when it approached. A queer instinct, is mother-love. Sometimes it is weak, or absent; in some instances it is so powerful that any wee helpless creature will promptly be adopted.

## Tomcat "Mothers" Chick.

A Bradford tom cat took to "mothering" a little chicken and a duckling. Six young rabbits found on a Wigan slag heap by coal-pickers were mothered by a cat, as was one in Hampshire which was brought home from the woods by my own cat. At Norbiton a kitten was adopted by a fox terrier. Mrs. M. Arthur, of Church Crookham, had a black cat that brought home, in place of the kittens of which it had been deprived, three baby squirrels, and at Bourne-mouth a cat reared its own two kittens and three squirrels. I know of several cases of a cat adopting a rat. One was that of "Samuel Whiskers," the baby rat which Miss Pitt placed among the kittens of a cat of hers, and which thenceforth was considered by puss as one of the family. Samuel's foster-mother used to bring him mice and baby rabbits. Another cat, whose kittens had been drowned, found signs of life in one of a family of young rats which the gardeners thought he had despatched the same way before throwing it under a bush. It brought the youngster home, revived, and reared it. But "Muggins" strayed, met the cat next door, without suspecting that it would behave, murderously, and R.I.P.

A wolf at the Zoo reared a pair of sheepdog pups and the sheepdog mother reared two wolves. A Bod-dam, Aberdeenshire, a cow adopted a foal, and an Angora rabbit mothered an Alsatian pup. A cat at Chorley reared a couple of fox-terrier puppies with its kittens, and a Clevedon cat reared three puppies of the same breed, also with a kitten of its own.

Cats have been known to bring up foxes and a tame fox in Brighton "fathered" other fox-terrier pups, helped their mother wash them, and took charge of four of them at night. A spaniel at Beech Wood Farm, Battle, adopted a baby grey squirrel, and a Pickering terrier reared a family of kittens.

Lions, tigers, and leopards are frequently brought up affectionately by large dogs deprived of their pups. —Liverpool Post.

## EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 21st.	
Paris	124
Geneva	25.26
Berlin	20.43
Oslo	18.34.5
Helsingfors	1932
Athens	396
Buenos Aires	471
New York	488.5
Amsterdam	12.07.5
Stockholm	18.07
Vienna	34.50
Madrid	28.52.5
Buenos Aires	730
Bombay	1/8 3/32
Brussels	34.01
Milan	90
Copenhagen	19.20
Prague	1841
Lisbon	2 7/16
Rio	5 29/32
Yokohama	1/10 25/32
Shanghai	3/71
Hong Kong	2/01
Silver (spot)	281
Silver (forward)	281

HONG KONG VOLUNTEER  
DEFENCE CORPS.

[ORDERS BY LT. COL. L. G. BIRD, D.S.O.,  
COMMANDANT.]

## No. 302.

## 1.—Musketry.

Sunday, January 8th, 1928:  
Reserve Company and Casuals will fire Part II. Table T. at Stonecutters Range. Full details will be published later.

## 2.—Casuals.

A large number of all ranks have not yet fired Part II. List of names are sent on Corps Notice Boards. All such will make arrangements to fire by Sunday, January 29th, 1928, the last day on which Part II. will be fired.

## 3.—Peak Range.

Applications for use of the Peak Range for the first six months of 1928 should be submitted to the Adjutant immediately.

## 4.—M.G. Competition.

Sergeant Spadbury's team of the Mobile Section of the Armoured Car Company wins the M.G. trophy, to be held for one year with a total score of 45 points. The Commandant offers his congratulations on the fine drill and shooting of his team.

Scores of other teams are posted on Headquarters notice boards. Results of Field Firing trophy will be worked out as soon as correct camp strengths are submitted by unit commanders.

## 5.—Corps Signals.

Parade for Camp Pay at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, December 29th, at Corps Headquarters.

## 6.—Artillery Company.

No parade will be held at Corps Headquarters on Thursday, December 29th, 1927.

Thursday, January 5th, 1928. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.25 p.m. for Battery Drill.

## 7.—Promotions.

The following promotions take effect from December 14th, 1927:—

## ARTILLERY COMPANY.

No. 505 A/Bdr. M. H. Wallace to be Bombardier.

## NO. 1 PLATOON.

No. 1075 Pte. J. F. Wright to be Corporal.

## 8.—Leave.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:—

No. 833 Spr. K. S. Robertson, Engineer Co., from January 1st, 1928, to October 31st, 1928.

No. 311 Pte. O. Eager, Reserve Co., from January 1st, 1928, to December 31st, 1928.

## 9.—Long Service Medal.

H.E. the Governor has awarded the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal to No. 294 Lance-Sergeant J. C. Fletcher of the Scottish Company, H.K.V.D.C., on December 16th, 1927.

## 10.—Struck Off The Strength.

Having left the Colony, as from December 1st, 1927:—No. 688 Pte. T. Low, No. 7 Platoon.

Having completed three years' service as from December 19th, 1927:—No. 503 Pte. W. Hill, Reserve Company.

R. A. WOLFE MURRAY, Major, Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.  
Hong Kong, December 23rd, 1927.

## NOTICE.

The Commandant wishes all ranks of the Corps a Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

## AFTER ORDER.

## 1.—Musketry.

Stonecutters Range is allotted as follows:—

Sunday, January 8th, 1928:—

Reserve Company and Casuals.

Range Officer: Lt. A. M. Thornhill.

Sunday, January 15th, 1928:—

Corps Signals, Portuguese Company and Casuals.

Range Officers: Lt. M. G. Noll and 2/Lt. S. Jarvis, M.C.

Sunday, January 22nd, 1928:—

Armoured Car Company, Infantry Company and Casuals.

Range Officer: as detailed by Major H. B. L. Dowbiggin.

Sunday, January 29th, 1928:—

Scottish Company, Engineer Company and Casuals.

Range Officer: Capt. K. S. Morrison and 2/Lt. R. S. Logan.

R. A. WOLFE MURRAY, Major, Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.  
Hong Kong, December 23rd, 1927.

AMPHITHEATRES FOR THE  
EMPIRE.FAMOUS ARCHITECT'S  
PROPHECY.

LONDON, Nov. 22nd.

The advent of loud-speakers at public meetings may lead to the building of huge amphitheatres in various parts of the Empire, declared Sir Herbert Baker, in a paper read before the Royal Institute of British Architects to-day. Sir Herbert stated that he believed that in all parts of the Empire where the climate was dependable, open air meeting places would become centres of public and national importance.

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Do.	.....\$230 nom.
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East Asia Bank	.....\$208 nom.
Canton Insurance	.....\$585 buy.
Union Insurance	.....\$292 1/2 buy.
North China Ins.	.....\$143 nom.
Yangtze Insurance	.....\$146 1/2 buy.
China Underwriters	.....\$140 buy.
China Fire Insurance	.....\$215 nom.
Hong Kong Fire Ins.	.....\$365 buy.
Steamboat	.....\$140 1/2 buy.
H.K. Trade	.....\$22 1/2 buy, 22 sel.
Indo-Chinese (Prof.)	.....\$30 nom.
Do.	.....\$30 nom.
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Benguet	.....\$23 nom.
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Langkate (combined)	.....\$14 1/2 buy.
Do.	.....\$14 1/2 buy.
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Shanghai Loans	.....\$14 6/5 buy.
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H.K. & W. Docks	.....\$32 buy, 33 sel.
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New Engineering	.....\$14 1/2 buy.
Shanghai Docks	.....\$14 1/2 nom.
Ever Cottons	.....\$14 1/2 nom.
Oriental	.....\$14 1/2 nom.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	.....\$14 1/2 buy.
Do.	.....\$14 1/2 buy.
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H. P. Realities	.....\$14 nom.
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Peak Tram (old)	.....\$14 sel.
Do.	.....\$14 sel.
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Do.	.....\$13 40 buy.
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Macao Electric	.....\$58 1/2 buy.
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Do.	.....\$18 40 sel.
Do.	.....\$18 40 sel.
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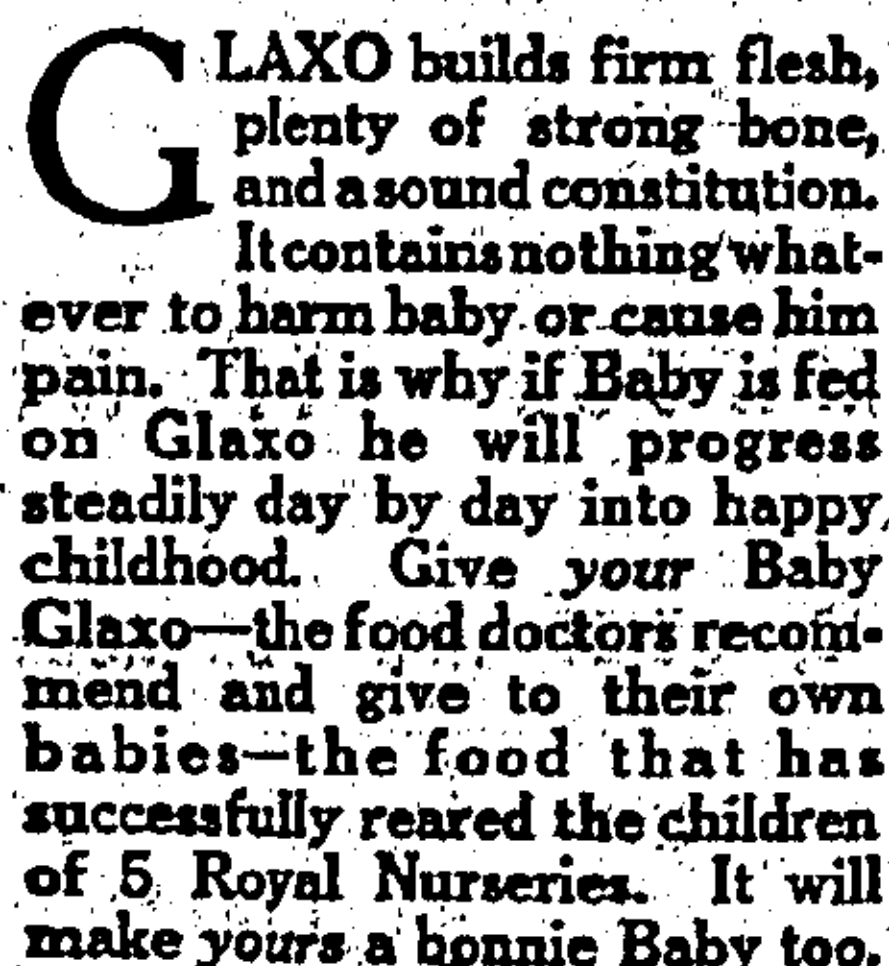
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*(Continued on next column.)*

your behalf and will also pay regard to the fact that you not only joined up during the war but that after you were gassed you went back to the front." Sentence was then passed.

**Dividend Warrants.**  
The CHAIRMAN: That is all the business of the meeting, gentlemen, and I am much obliged for  
(Continued at foot of next column.)

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## THE PRAYA MOTOR FATALITY.

## PRISONER GIVES HIS VERSION.

## STORY OF AN APPROACHING CAR.

The defence in the case in which an Indian motor car driver, employed by Mr. C. Bernard Brown, of Messrs. Linstead & Davis, is charged with manslaughter, was opened at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan).

It is alleged that this man, Sandi Khan, while driving a Buick car along Connaught Road near Jardine's Wharf, West Point, on the evening of November 21st, knocked down a Chinese young woman, who died as a result of the mishap.

Prisoner in his evidence yesterday submitted that the accident was unavoidable and denied that he was speeding. He put the pace of the car at 19-20 miles an hour at the time of the accident, against 40-45 miles estimated by witnesses for the Crown. He claimed that had his foot not slipped off the brake the woman would not have been knocked down.

He was closely cross-examined by Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, for the Crown, and while admitting that about a month ago he was warned by his employer (Mr. C. Bernard Brown) for drinking, he denied that he had had any drinks that evening or that he was driving negligently.

The case is expected to conclude by fifteen time to-day.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy is prosecuting for the Crown and Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, jun., is defending.

Sub-Inspector C. F. Alexander, in charge of the Traffic Department, stated that on the scene of the accident he found a pool of blood some 18 feet from the curb. The road at that spot was 60 feet wide. He examined a certain lamp post near by, but did not find anything unusual on it.

In reply to Mr. d'Almada, witness said the prisoner was well known to him (witness) and had held a licence for the past six or seven years. There was no record of a previous accident. His record was not clear, but it was good considering the period over which he had been driving.

Sub-Inspector Mason who examined the car after the accident, said that some of the damage could have been caused by the car striking a soft body.

Replying to Mr. d'Almada, witness agreed that some of the damage could also have been caused through the vehicle striking something hard, especially if the car was being driven slowly.

## Defence Opened.

Mr. Leo d'Almada, jun., in opening his case for the defence submitted that the whole affair was an accident, which prisoner did all he could to avoid. He applied his brakes, although his foot slipped, and also sounded his horn. Crown evidence was referred to and Mr. d'Almada held that prisoner bore a good character as a driver. He was careful sober, and had good references from employers.

Prisoner was called and said that on the evening in question he had taken his employer (Mr. C. Bernard Brown) to Jardine's Corner, from the Hong Kong Club, and afterwards he returned to the lower levels. On the way to the garage he picked up two Indian passengers at the Hong Kong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Company Wharf, an Indian constable and an Indian watchman.

There were many people about and also tram and other traffic. This was about nine o'clock. From the first wharf to the Wing Lok Street Wharf the car was travelling at a speed of about 14-15 miles an hour. After passing the Wing Lok Street Wharf and proceeding along the Praya in a westerly direction, he increased to about 19-20 miles an hour as the road was wider and there were fewer people about.

Approaching the Cheung Chau Wharf, where the Aberdeen buses usually stand, his attention was attracted by a car approaching from the West. At that time he was driving in the middle of the road near Centre Street.

Asked why he was in the middle of the road and not on the left, prisoner said it was a wide road and there were no pedestrians there at the time.

As the two cars neared each other, the approaching car dimmed his lights, and prisoner dimmed his as well. The cars were about fifty yards away from each other when the dimming took place.

Besides dimming his lights, prisoner said he also sounded his horn, once before he passed the other car, and once afterwards.

After passing the other car he put his lights full on again, and again sounded the horn.

He saw a man and a woman in front of him, and he then applied his brake immediately and sounded the horn. The man and woman had their hands clasped and one was pulling to the right and one to the left.

Prisoner was under the impression at that time that they would go to the right, and consequently he swerved to the left, and that was why the woman was struck by his car.

In answer to Mr. Leo d'Almada, prisoner said that when he applied the brake his foot slipped.

Prisoner continued that he lost his head after knocking down the woman, but on his second attempt to apply the brake he succeeded, and came to a stop by a lamp-post.

Many Chinese, he went on, gathered around the car and threatened to assault him. One of the passengers in the car, an Indian constable, told him to drive quickly, otherwise the Chinese would kill them. Prisoner then reversed his engine, sounded his horn and drove away.

Prisoner said he did not see a Chinese constable holding up his hands for him to stop.

Prisoner continued that he told the Indian constable in the car that he wanted to go to the police station first and make a report of the occurrence. But the constable told him he had better go to the garage first. This prisoner did and before he could go to the police station the inspector came.

## Cross-Examination.

In answer to Mr. Fitzroy, prisoner said that he thought he had proved quite satisfactory to Mr. Brown.

Mr. Fitzroy: Isn't it correct to say that about a month ago you were drunk?—Prisoner: I had some drinks on that day. I have some drinks about once or twice a month. I was not altogether drunk, but I had taken some drink.

Mr. Fitzroy: Isn't it also true that Mr. Bernard Brown forbade you to touch the car on that occasion?—Prisoner: No, it is not so.

Mr. Fitzroy: Then if he says or writes to that effect it is not true?—Prisoner: I don't know, but he did not tell me that on that occasion.

Mr. Fitzroy: Isn't it true that he told you if it occurred again he would discharge you?—Prisoner: No, he did not say that, but on the following day he told me that if I was drunk again he would fine me \$5, but he did not mention anything about my dismissal.

Mr. Fitzroy: In 1925 you were convicted for reckless driving before the C.S.P. and cautioned. You were then driving for Mr. Arnold (Secretary of the Hong Kong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.) Did Mr. Arnold know about it and give you a good testimonial?—Prisoner admitted that he had been cautioned for reckless driving but Mr. Arnold knew about it and did not give him a bad testimonial.

Prisoner also admitted that he had been fined \$10 for negligent driving in Connaught Road in August, this year.

In answer to further questions by Mr. Fitzroy, prisoner said that he picked up Mr. Brown at the Hong Kong Club on the evening in question at about 7.30. He also admitted that Mr. Brown drove the car himself. They arrived at Jardine's Corner about 10 minutes past eight o'clock.

Mr. Fitzroy: Will you accept the statement that you should have returned to the garage by 8.25 p.m.?—Prisoner: If I had driven very fast I might have been able to arrive there by 8.25, but otherwise, no.

Mr. Fitzroy: You had no permission from your employer to have the car out on Connaught Road at nine o'clock?—Prisoner: No.

In reply to further questions, prisoner said he had not been drinking that evening.

Mr. Fitzroy drew prisoner's attention to a statement made by witnesses at the Magistrate's which conflicted with his own statement, and prisoner said that the witnesses' statements were untrue. His speed was not more than 19-20 miles an hour (witnesses had alleged his speed was between 40 and 45 miles an hour). All he knew of the accident was that the car ran over a woman and a man, although there were four people knocked down.

Prisoner was closely questioned about the car he saw approaching, and when asked by Mr. Fitzroy why he had not included that in his statement when charged, prisoner said he did not know he was going to be asked about it.

Mr. Fitzroy suggested that the approaching car was an excuse to get out of the trouble.

Prisoner replied that he did see the car.

Prisoner added, in reply to other questions, that if his foot had not slipped off the brake he would not have hit the woman. He sounded his horn and then the car struck her.

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"DOES A WOMAN JOIN  
WITH ROBBERS?"

## STORY OF TWO THEFTS.

## MAN AND WOMAN SENTENCED.

The case in which a Chinese man and woman were charged with participation in two highway robberies within five hours of each other was concluded before Mr. Justice J. R. Wood at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

The prisoners posed as the friends of an amah whom they led into a trap and then robbed themselves. The first charge was that on October 29th they, together with others, robbed the complainant of \$36 in money, five bangles, and one gold ring in Tai Nam Street at Sham-shui-po. The second charge was that the prisoners, unaided by others, robbed the same woman at four o'clock on the same morning at Hung-hom. This second robbery occurred when the prisoners were taking the woman to find the first robbers.

Yesterday the first prisoner (the man) denied all knowledge of the affair, and alleged that the complainant had a grudge against him. He stated that the police forced him to admit that he had committed the offences. In fact he did not know the complainant at all.

The second prisoner, a woman, said "does anyone in the world believe that a woman would join with robbers?" She admitted that she had known the complainant for seven or eight years, but the charges were entirely the invention of the complainant.

After his Lordship had summed up the jury retired for about 15 minutes and then returned a verdict of "guilty."

The man was sentenced to five years' hard labour and the woman to three years' hard labour.

## "IRENE" PIRATES HANGED.

The last three of the seven men sentenced to death in connection with the piracy of the s.s. Irene, a vessel belonging to the China Merchants S.N. Co., were hanged early yesterday morning in the Victoria Gaol. The usual inquest was held later in the day by Mr. R. E. Lindell, and a verdict of death in accordance with the process of law was returned.

None of them made any statement.

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The death has been announced at the age of 44 of Mr. James Cox Brady, the American financier and one of the "kings" of Wall-street, whose fortune is estimated at about \$20,000,000. He was a scion-in-law of the Countess of Limerick, of Hall-place, Bexley Heath, Kent.

Mr. Brady was the younger son of the late Mr. Anthony N. Brady, known as the "mystery man" of Wall-street, who began life as a bar-tender in Albany, New York, but by engaging in the consolidation of gas plants became a millionaire in a comparatively short while.

His younger son, James, a graduate of Yale University, was a financial genius, and soon made huge additions to the fortune of \$20,000,000 left him by his father.

Married Three Times.  
He married three times. His first wife, Miss Elizabeth Hamilton, of New York, by whom he had three children, was killed in a railway accident in New York in 1912. Then he married Lady Victoria Perry, only daughter of the Earl and Countess of Limerick, who died of pneumonia at the end of 1918.

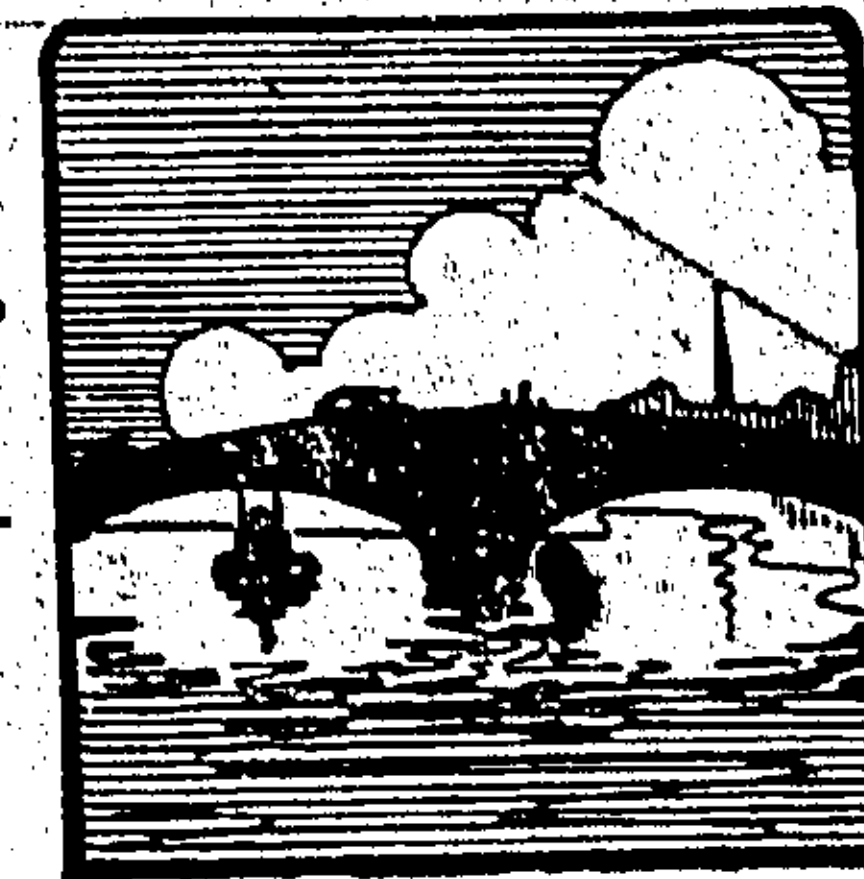
In 1920 Mr. Brady married Miss Helen McMahon, a New York artist's model, who was said to be the most beautiful woman in the United States. The marriage took place at Westminster Cathedral, London. A friend of Mr. Brady said to a Daily Mail reporter:

Sport interested him far more than finance. He was passionately fond of hunting, and in his stables at Kentucky he had some valuable thoroughbred racehorses. In his 'various' days he was known as a boxer and a polo player. Music and art interested him too, and he adored England and its wonderful traditions and achievements.

Mr. Fitzroy asked prisoner if it were not true that he was going very fast and that he would have been unable to stop within a reasonable distance in any event.

To this prisoner again replied that if his foot had not slipped off the brake the woman would have been saved.

After further questioning by Mr. Fitzroy, His Lordship adjourned the case until this morning. There are a few witnesses to be called for the defence, but it is expected that the case will conclude by fifteen time.

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## LULL AT CANTON.

BATTLE EXPECTED AT SAMSHUI.

RESISTANCE MAY CRUMBLE.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

There is a lull in Canton but the next storm may break at any time. It is expected that the decision battle for the control of Canton and, in fact, the whole province of Kwangtung, will take place at or near Samshui, where the Kwangtung forces will attempt to prevent the cross of the West River. If they fail there it is unlikely that they will be able to rally. The usual factors in Chinese warfare are apparent and it is said that a number of troops in Canton have been brought up by the Kwangtung group. The latter are opposing the slogan "Canton for the Cantonese," with "Down with the Reds in Canton." The defence is hampered by lack of vigorous and undisputed control. Chang Fat Fui's authority, even with his "Ironclad," has been badly shaken and Li Fook Lam only controls the Honan garrison.

The Kwangtung Militarists are, however, stationing troops around the City at Goddess of Mercy Hill, White Cloud Mountain, Saichuen, Poontong, Tungkwai, Fati, Fongtsen, Chekwai, Wongshe, and at all important points in the City. Despite the possibility of further fighting near Canton, the Canton-Samshui Railway resumed its service on December 21st, the Restaurant Workers, the Oil Pressers, and the Aerated Water Workers' Unions.

According to the latest reports General Wong Shu Hung, the Kwangtung warlord, who holds the key to the Kwangtung situation, has expressed his willingness to withdraw from the vicinity of Canton and this may save another catastrophe. General Wong is now driving the Kwangtung troops the upper West River.

The Kwangtung advance from Swatow has not been so rapid and possible "misunderstanding" between General Li Tsai Hsin and General Chen Min Shu may delay or weaken the attack from that direction. Residents in Canton are now anxiously waiting the operation up the West River, especially around Samshui and Echow, where the opposing forces are close to each other.

The Police Force in Canton, which was disbanded by the "Soviet Government," is being reorganized, and the Administration is appropriating \$300,000 for the equipment of a new service. The owners of undamaged buildings are to pay a special tax on behalf of the Police equipment.

The merchants' scheme to have district watchmen of their own has not been approved by the Kuomintang Political Council in Canton who are very afraid of any rival organization taking the power that they have assumed. The present unpopularity of the Kuomintang, because of their Communist affiliations, does not make them look on such movements with favour.

## INNOCENT VICTIMS?

Judging from the rags worn by most of the victims (including those executed) of the "Red" upheaval were rich and other coolies who had assisted in the transportation of loot. It is said that the real culprits have escaped the "suppression" but many who were innocent had to suffer.

Bandit chiefs and pirate leaders brought in their full forces for the upheaval. They left with their spoil long before the regular troops regained control. Eye-witnesses declare that they saw bandit chiefs directing the pillage and forcing coolies to wear red through with order to get them through with loads of loot from the heart of the City to the waterfront.

A calmer feeling now prevails in Canton as far as "anti-Red" movement is concerned, and the butchery of alleged "Reds" has lessened. Arrests of Russians continue.

## A TRIAL OF DEVASTATION.

Of the organized "Reds" more than 4,000 have been retreating in a more or less collected group and are making their way to Hoiung and Lukfung districts where the "Soviet Government" and the red flag are still supreme. On their way they have exacted sums ranging from \$5,000 to \$30,000 from towns and villages en route. They set fire to a great amount of property and killed many persons where resistance has been offered.

It is hoped that, by Monday next, all shops will be able to resume business. Schools in Canton City will be unable to give regular instruction until they get fresh equipment. During the rule of the "Soviet Government" many schools were raided and their property destroyed.

(Continued on next column.)

## MOTOR-CYCLE SMASH AT KOWLOON.

INQUEST ON MR. J.R. FRENCH R.A.F. CONTINUED

WATCHMEN AND BARRIER LIGHTS.

After a late sitting at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, a further adjournment was made in the enquiry into the death of Leading Aircraftman J. R. French, R.A.F., who was killed when riding in the side car of a motor-cycle driven by Mr. D. S. Pethick, Chief Officer of the a.s. Waihing, Mr. W. Schofield sat as Coroner, the jury being Messrs. H. Abraham, A. K. Mason and A. E. Gutierrez.

At the previous hearing Mr. Pethick described how his machine collided with a heap of earth in Prince Edward Road while returning from Kowloon City on the night of December 10th, throwing both Mr. French and witness from their seats.

The evidence of police officers, a night watchman at the scene of the accident, and a P.W.D. overseer, was taken yesterday.

Sub-Inspector H. Phillips, of Kowloon City Police Station, said he heard about the accident from Mr. Pethick who came to the charge room at 11.35 p.m. on that day in a dazed condition with a torn trouser, abrasions on his leg, and his clothes covered with red earth.

There was no sign whatever that Mr. Pethick had taken any liquor. Witness noticed the R.A.F. summoned an ambulance and visited the scene where he found Mr. French lying about 50 feet from the place where the machine struck the bank. It showed no signs of life. The motor ambulance conveyed Mr. French to the Kowloon Hospital.

Mr. Pethick was taken to hospital by Traffic Sub-Inspector Smith.

In answer to a question by a R.A.F. Officer watching the case, witness said he had no opportunity of examining the body before it was removed to hospital.

Witness added that he saw a smashed nickel plated lamp in the middle of the road in a pool of oil. There were no lights burning on the barrier.

A Chinese night watchman employed by the Yee Lee drainage contractor, stated that it was his duty to see that the lamps on the barrier were kept light. He was on duty from 4 p.m. to midnight. He visited it five or six times and found the lamps all right. At the end of his watch witness found one of the two lamps missing and he replaced it. It is not known when the lamp was replaced except that one of the cross boards was a little out of place.

In answer to the jury, witness said the lamps were kept in the watchman's shed about twenty yards from the road. Witness carried no lamp with him.

Mr. F. E. Lawrence, overseer of the P.W.D., said that the work being done on the scene of the accident, was a drain from Waterloo Road to the Mongkok nullah.

The enquiry was adjourned until January 5th at 2.15 p.m.

## CHANG FAT FUI LEAVES FOR FOREIGN TERRITORY?

General Chang Fat Fui and Mr. Chan Kung Pok following the example of Mr. Wang Ching Wei who has left China for Europe, decided yesterday to leave Canton City, and they will probably remove themselves to foreign territory.

Three Russians who had recently arrived at Canton were yesterday arrested. One had come from Macao and two were aboard a Japanese steamer. There has been no further execution of "Red" Russians, and the few still in Police custody will be referred to the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee.

The Russian Consul in Canton and staff will be allowed to depart if they wish to go away. The district of Toyshan is now without a magistrate; the Kwangtung nominee having left his post upon the occupation by the Kwangtung forces. Now the people of Toyshan are writing to Mr. Liu Tsai Po, a former magistrate, who is now in Shanghai, asking him to return to the district. Mr. Liu occupied that post for more than a year, a record seldom seen since the Republic.

## FEWER REFUGEES.

The number of passengers arriving on the river steamers from Canton appears to be somewhat diminishing, and this may be an indication that a more peaceful time is setting in.

The number arriving yesterday on the Kinsan was 855, and on the Yue On 245, compared with over a thousand, which has been the daily average since the trouble started.

The boats last night had fairly heavy bookings.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

QUESTIONS IN FINANCE COMMITTEE.

COST OF TRANSPORT FOR GOVERNMENT SERVANTS.

THE BILLS FOR STATIONERY.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon four new Bills were read a second and third time and passed. These were: An Ordinance to regulate the printing of newspapers and the keeping and use of printing presses; An Ordinance to amend the Prison Ordinance, 1899; An Ordinance to amend further the Volunteer Ordinance, 1920; An Ordinance to amend the Railways Ordinance, 1909.

When the paper dealing with the development of the Aberdeen Valley Catchment area was laid upon the table, the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton asked whether that paper was the one for which the Council had been waiting, or whether there would be a further Sessional paper on the subject.

H.E. The Governor: There will be a further Sessional paper later on.

H.E. The Governor, at the conclusion of the routine business, said: We are now approaching the end of the year, and I think it would be convenient to have our more meeting of Council before the year closes. As the business will be mainly financial I think it would be best to have a meeting of the Finance Committee before the Council. I will propose, therefore, that the Council be adjourned until Friday, the 30th inst., at 2.30 p.m. This was agreed to.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Council was followed by a meeting of the Finance Committee, the Colonial Secretary presiding.

The votes for supplementary expenditure totalling \$96,508, of which details were given in yesterday's Daily Press, were approved.

## COST OF PASSAGES.

Dealing with the vote of an extra \$30,000 for the transport of Government Servants the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes asked how it was that the expenditure under this heading was so far from the original estimate. He pointed out that the margin of error was twenty-five per cent and he wished to know who was responsible.

The Colonial Treasurer: I think the fault lies with the number of children for whom we very often have to provide passages.

The Chairman: It is extraordinarily difficult to make an exact estimate in a matter of this kind.

The Colonial Treasurer: Extra passages have no doubt been due to the alteration in leave regulations which entitles a Government servant to take leave after four years' service instead of after four and a half years.

## STATIONERY.

The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton: I should like to draw attention to the increased cost of stationery. In 1923 it was a little over \$50,000. This year it will be \$72,000, an addition of \$22,000 or more than thirty per cent. No explanation is given of why there has been such a very considerable rise in the cost.

The Colonial Treasurer: A great deal more printing is now being done in the gaol than formerly. The gaol now does practically all Government printing. The cost of paper, which appears under stationery account goes up, and the charges for printing go down.

Also the requirements of the Colonial Secretary, which supplies all departments with stationery, were greater this year.

Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton: Printing is not included in stationery.

The Colonial Treasurer: No.

Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton: The printing is done in gaol and therefore larger purchases of paper are required. There should be a considerable saving then on the printing vote.

The Chairman: Every effort is made in the Government service to economize in stationery. A good deal of the money is really in suspense account. The stationery has to be purchased so that we may have it in stock when printing is required.

Those present at the Council meeting were H.E. The Governor, H.E. The General Officer Commanding the Troops, the Colonial Secretary, the Attorney-General, the Colonial Treasurer, the Captain Superintendent of Police, the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes and the Clerk of Councils (Mr. D. W. Treiman).

## ROUND THE POLICE COURTS.

THE BLOWING OF MOTOR HORNS.

IMPORTANT RULING BY MAGISTRATE.

DRIVERS MUST BE SUMMONED BY NAME.

[BY NOTE-BOOK.]

An important ruling was made by Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy yesterday in the case in which a driver was summoned for unnecessarily sounding his horn.

It will be remembered that when the case first came up for hearing, Mr. Horace Lo, for the defendant, argued that the summons served on the defendant was bad because no name was mentioned. He had never known a case in England where a driver could be summoned without his name being on the writ.

When the case was again mentioned yesterday, Mr. Lindell said that he had come to the conclusion that Mr. Lo's contention was in the main valid.

Continuing the Magistrate said that in summonses the alleged offender's name must be mentioned. On the other hand if a person answered a summons issued to him as the driver or person in charge of the car at the time, the Court would then have jurisdiction.

His Worship then asked Mr. Lo whether he was appearing for the driver. Mr. Lo's reply was that he was more or less watching the case.

The Magistrate then pointed out that since there was no personal appearance in this case, he would have to dismiss the summons.

Mr. Lo then referred his Worship to a statement which he had made at the previous hearing. He said that he had told the Court that he knew for a fact that in England the police were never known to summons anyone driving a car, merely by summoning him as the driver, and that his Worship had replied to him in the following terms:—

Mr. Lo: You should not make wild statements of that sort.

Contending that it was not a wild statement, Mr. Lo said that apart from his personal experience, he had also referred to several legal authorities and could not find a single case in which the defendant was not summoned by name. He said that although at the time he was making this statement from his personal experience, he expressed it after full deliberation. He would therefore ask his Worship to make some further remark in substantiation or addition to the remarks which he had made at the last hearing.

Mr. Lindell: I entirely accept your statements, Mr. Lo, as being correct. At that time you were speaking, as you yourself admitted, from your personal experience.

Mr. Lo: I was making the statement deliberately, afterwards explaining in greater detail.

His Worship: I must apologise for my expression of opinion. In view of what you have told me, I unreservedly withdraw it.

Mr. Lo: If your Worship please.

Mr. Lindell also advised Sergt. Hopkins of the Traffic Department who had conducted the case for the prosecution that he could not rely on the phrase "blowing a horn." If the police wished to continue the case, they would have to make the summons read "making a noise calculated to disturb public tranquility." If this was done, they could then rely on the Summary Offences Ordinance.

## SECRET SOCIETY MEMBER IMPRISONED.

A Chinese named Chow Fung was charged before Major C. Willson with being a member of a Triad Society, namely the Yee Hing Kongs.

The defendant admitted the charge, but stated that he was forced by a friend to become a member.

Sub-Inspector Andrew produced a quantity of regalia found in the possession of the defendant and said the police considered the case a serious one. Further, the defendant made an attempt to escape by jumping into the street from the first floor of the office of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs and had to be detained in hospital.

A membership badge showed that the Yee Hing Kongs was affiliated with the Chinese Freemason Society in America and connected with the lodge in Singapore.

The Inspector thought the defendant was an official of the society, as he had a white fan with blood stains. Among other exhibits were a wooden dagger stained with blood, drawings and diagrams with mysterious characters on them. There was also a red mesh bearing secret characters. The use of some of these was explained by the Inspector, who in conclusion said that as the man arrived from Canton he was probably a Communist.

His Worship sentenced the defendant to six months' hard labour.

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## ANOTHER PIRACY?

CHINESE TOW BOAT CAPTURED.

BRITISH GUNBOAT IN PURSUIT.

When the a.s. Kinsan came into port yesterday afternoon, late, on account of the time of low water news of another piracy in the Canton River came to hand.

It appears that as the Kinsan was passing Lin Fo Shan, near Whampoa, a sampan from the steam-launch Si Si, belonging to the A.P.C. came out with a message that a Chinese tow-boat had been pirated by a black painted launch (this may have been the launch that has recently fired on the Indo-China steamer Waihing and other vessels while they were between Hong Kong and Canton).

The tow-boat was evidently captured by the launch and its occupants and taken in tow, disappearing up the East River.

Presumably it has been looted and the crew made captives.

The A.P.C. launch appears to have broken down, as it did not itself make the report to the Kinsan.

A request was made to the Kinsan that the Naval Authorities be communicated with, and a wireless message was transmitted to Hong Kong.

However, a British gunboat near where the piracy had taken place, has gone in pursuit of the pirates, but with what result has not yet been divulged.

## WINTER SOLSTICE.

HOW THE CHINESE CELEBRATE THE DAY.

To-day is Winter Solstice (tung chieh), according to the Chinese calendar, and it always falls two days before Christmas.

There is no special belief attaching to this day, but for the Chinese make it a great day of merriment. Most of the Chinese shops will be closed and in retail shops feasts will be given to employees.

In family houses, a duck or a fowl will surely be killed for the occasion and a few cents of fire-crackers will be burned in the morning.

With tung chieh drawing near, the market price for fowls is sure to soar sky-high. According to the Chinese, a catty of chicken cost only 60 to 70 cents only two weeks ago, but during the last few days, it went as high as \$1.

## ANOTHER RETURNED BANISHEE.

Eight months' hard labour and twenty strokes of the birch was the sentence passed by Major C. Willson, yesterday morning, on a Chinese who was charged with returning from banishment. The man's record showed that he was banished for life in 1923 and that previous to that he had three convictions against him.

## CHRISTIE AND BLUMH FACE NEW CHARGE.

James Christie and Christopher Blumh who figured prominently in the case heard a fortnight ago on a charge of procuring morphia were again before Major C. Willson on a charge of conspiring to defraud.

It will be remembered that the charge of procuring morphia was dismissed by Mr. R. E. Lindell last week and the present charge was then brought against the defendants.

Both men were again defended by Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask. There is also another charge against Blumh for entering the Colony without a valid visa on his passport.

The evidence taken from Au Yung Kin Heng, the police receiver of drugs from the Malay States was the same as that given by him at the previous hearing, and which was fully reported in the Daily Press.

There are expected to be several hearings, and after the witness Au had concluded his evidence, the case was adjourned.

## HIS FONDNESS FOR DRINKS.

A Chinese steward was sentenced to one month's hard labour yesterday by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy for the theft of a bottle of gin and a bottle of sherry from the officers' mess of H.M.S. Thraxton.

## TELEPHONE WIRE AT THE PENINSULA HOTEL.

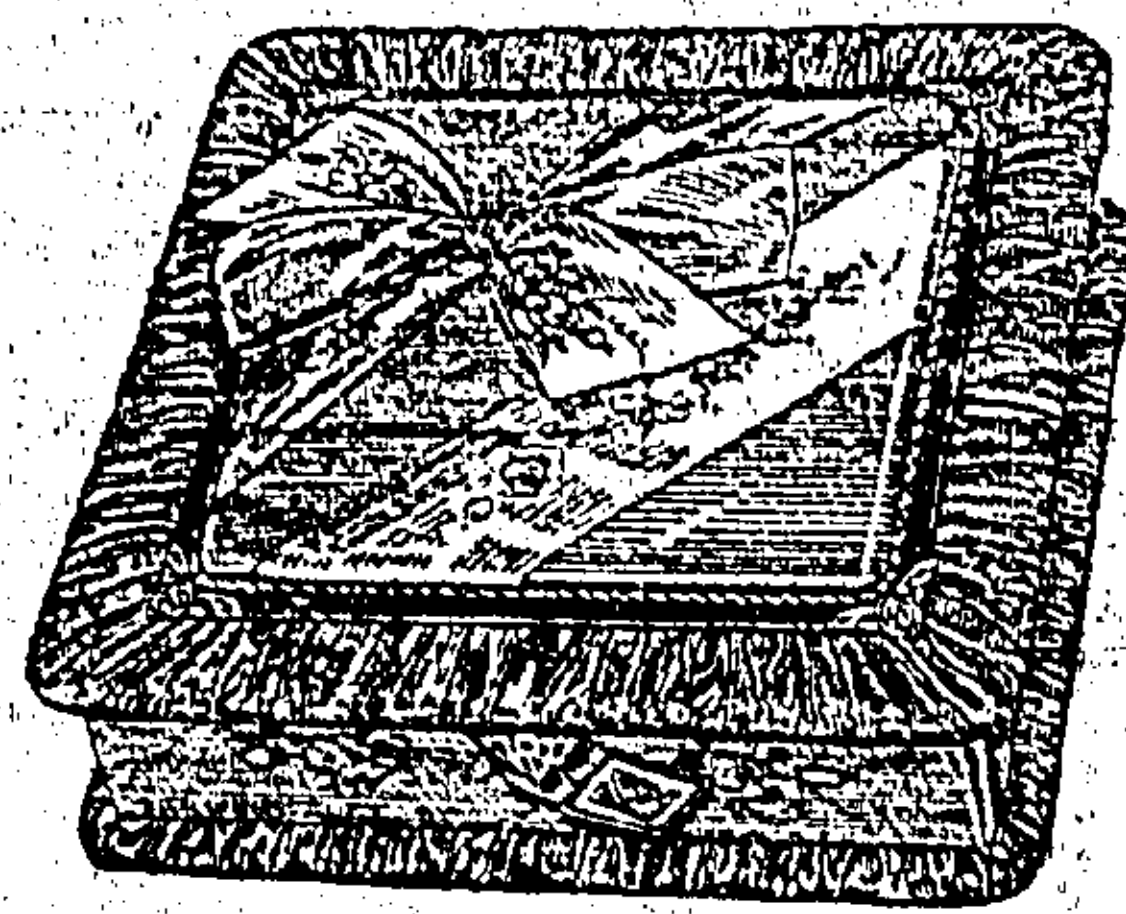
The case against a telephone coöper of stealing wire from the Peninsula Hotel, again came before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday morning.

Magistrate yesterday morning. Divisional Inspector Aris said that the man whom the defendant mentioned could not be found at the Hotel nor was he known there. His Worship adjourned the case, intimating that he wanted to see the place where the wire had been left.

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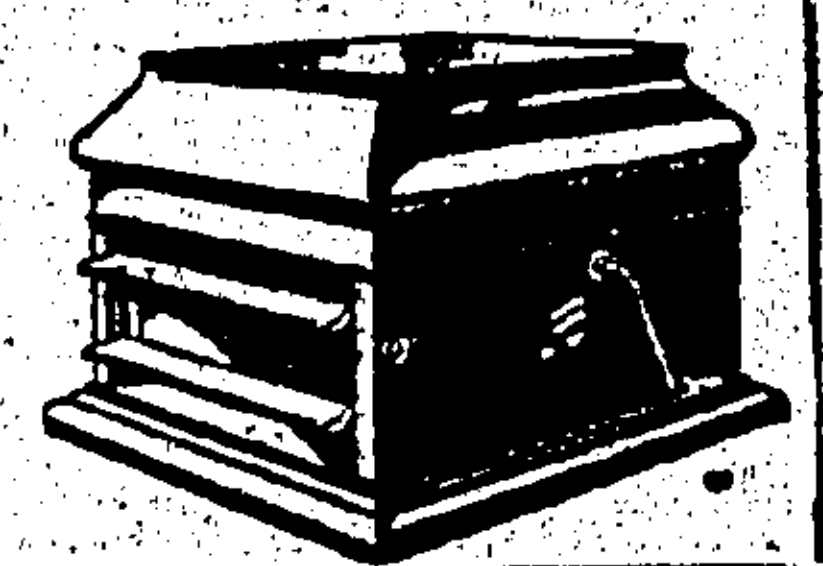
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Hong Kong, 21st Dec., 1927. [5687]

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By Order of the Committee,  
E. D. MATHIAS,  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 5th Dec., 1927. [5611]

## FANLING HUNT.

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Hong Kong Club Ground.  
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Hong Kong, 17th Dec., 1927. [5671]

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6th JANUARY, 1928.

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## INTIMATIONS.

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6th JANUARY, 1928.

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## The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, DECEMBER 23rd, 1927

## WHEN LOVE GROWS COLD.

One of His Majesty's Judges, Mr. JUSTICES SALTON, recently declared in addressing the jury at Leeds Assize in a breach of promise case, that they were there to administer the law and not to criticise it. This was doubtless meant as a rebuke to people who have been airing their views of late on this subject. They have argued that the mere fact of a woman suing a man for breaking off a matrimonial engagement and asking for damages is an admission of inferiority. She is presumed to have suffered loss by failing to secure a husband and therefore deserves to be compensated. Some supporters of the feminist movement seem annoyed by this way of stating the position; but it is a fact that whereas the man who is jilted seldom sues a woman for breach of promise, men

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but endless!

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or HIM?

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make

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DESIRABLE  
GIFTS

that will please the giver and  
delight the recipient. [50]

are frequently dragged into court and required to pay for broken vows and love grown cold.

But there is reason to think that opinion is changing on this question. The idea of a money payment for blighted matrimonial hopes is rather old-fashioned in these days. Probably we shall see a diminishing number of breach of promise cases in the courts, and that in time the law will not be invoked at all. In theory the law is impartial between the sexes in this matter; either side can bring an action. But in practice the assumption is that it is the woman who is disadvantaged. That was true enough a generation or two ago, but now women are emancipated. In England they have equal rights with men—or nearly so—politically, and in the professions and business the doors are open to them. There are occasions where an engagement does lead the woman to loss. She may have expended money on her trousseau. She may have relinquished a position. She may have moved her residence. In such cases it is right that if she desires to apply to the courts for redress she should be compensated.

There is, however, no longer any justice in awarding what is known as "moral damages"—that is, damages for the supposed lessened chance of matrimony for a woman whose engagement is broken off. In many instances the shattered romance of courtship has prevented the tragedy of an unhappy marriage. If the fabled affinity on closer acquaintance proves illusive it is obviously in the best interests of the lovers, their possible children, and society that the marriage should not take place. But as the law holds a judicial sword of Damocles over the head of the man, all too frequently a marriage,

though destined to end in failure, is contracted. The greater measure of freedom enjoyed now-a-days by women, and the disappearance of most of the conventions that previously acted as an artificial barrier between the sexes, should have the effect of discouraging recourse to the courts to obtain a monetary solatium for injured feelings. However that may be, it is high time that legal pronouncement were made that sentimental grounds and sentimental damages can no longer be expected by the plaintiff.

One Chinese case of cerebro-spinal fever was reported on Wednesday.

The exchange banks will be closed to the transaction of public business on Monday and Tuesday, the 28th and 29th inst.

The Hong Kong Daily Press will not be published on Monday, but will be published on Tuesday morning as usual.

For travelling by train from Fanling to Kowloon without a ticket, a coolie was fined \$5 or seven days' hard labour in default, by Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday morning.

Four fingers of a coolie's left hand were crushed through an accident which occurred on board the s.s. Shanai, says a police report, of an accident which happened at Taikoo. The injured man was removed to hospital.

On enquiry yesterday at the French Hospital we learn that the condition of Mr. E. R. Price, of the China Mail, who underwent an urgent operation for appendicitis on Tuesday morning, is improved and that he is making satisfactory progress.

A midnight Mass will be held at St. Margaret's Church, Broadwood Road, Happy Valley, to-morrow. Arrangements have been made whereby special train cars will leave the Broadwood Road station after the Mass, which will be over by 12.45 a.m.

An impressive route march through the principal streets of the Central and Western Districts was carried out by the King's Own Scottish Borderers yesterday morning. Lieut-Col. L. J. Comyn, the Officer Commanding, was present, and the regimental band and pipers led the column.

An interesting feature of the Dairy Farm's Xmas display this year is the show of their "own Farm Fed" veal and pork slaughtered and dressed in the approved London style by members of their European butchery staff. The veal is specially tempting and judging by the number of Turkey, etc., on view Hong Kong is going to do itself well this Christmas.

A very special concert for Service men has been arranged for this evening at the City Hall, commencing at seven o'clock, by Mrs. P. Younghusband, who is known as an indefatigable Y.M.C.A. worker, ever since the arrival of extra troops in the Colony. In addition to the concert there will also be a Christmas tree on a large scale and presents for all.

## LADY CLEMENTI'S INDISPOSITION.

ADVISED FEW DAYS COMPLETE REST.

Lady Clementi having been indisposed is obliged to cancel all engagements for the present. She has been advised to take a complete rest until after the New Year.

The dance at Government House this (Friday) evening will take place as arranged.

## WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report forecast and remarks issued by the Royal Observatory at 6 p.m. stated: "Pressure probable remains light over Japan. Moderate monsoon will prevail over the China sea."

Local forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate fine.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## THE CATHEDRAL CHAPLAIN

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS"]

SIR,—I read with interest the account by "Ionides" of the Rev. H. C. Moyle's work in Hong Kong. I fail to see why the future of such a priest of the Church should be, as it is said to be, "in the lap of the gods."

Can the Colony afford to lose such a man without a protest? I write this because hitherto I have failed to get any adequate reason for Mr. Moyle's departure. As a strong supporter of the Church I would suggest that it would be wise to retain Mr. Moyle's services and to ask the new chaplain to be his assistant for some time before, allowing such a young inexperienced man to take up the responsible duties of the Office of the Very Reverend the Dean and the Venerable the Archdeacon.—Yours faithfully,

December 22nd, 1927. X.

## CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL.

## YESTERDAY'S YULE TIDE DANCE.

## LOVELY FANCY DRESSES.

The Central British School, Kowloon, presented a bright and seasonable appearance last evening, being decorated for the annual fancy dress dance given at the invitation of the Headmaster (Mr. G. Franklin Nightingale) and Mrs. Nightingale.

Every year, on the eve of the Christmas holidays a dance is given at this school, and last evening's function proved as successful as ever, being attended by the majority of the pupils and many parents and friends. The dance began at 8.15 and continued until 8 p.m.

The majority of the children were in fancy dress, and so were a number of the adults. Costumes were of all characters, some historical, and some very original. All were good.

Among those present were Mr. A. E. Wood (Director of Education), Mr. E. Ralphs (Inspector of English Schools), Mr. and Mrs. B. Wylie, the Rev. G. E. S. Updell and Mrs. Updell, Mrs. Owen and Mr. and Mrs. Easterbrook.

Music for the dancing was given by the "Antidote Orchestra." The dance concluded with a grand march, during which prizes were awarded for the best costumes. The judges were Mrs. Easterbrook and Mrs. Bone, and the prizes were distributed by Mrs. B. Wylie.

The prizes were awarded as under:—  
Girls: 1. Old Victorian Dress (Helen Wylie), Special prize, Russian Lady (Vera Levkovich).  
Boys: 1. Buy British Goods (H. Brown), Special prize, a Chinese (Jack Updell).

The duties of M.C. were discharged by Mr. H. Scotton.

At the close of the function, Mr. Nightingale thanked Mrs. Wylie for distributing the prizes, Mr. Scotton for carrying out the duties of M.C., the donors of prizes and the Orchestra.

The donors of prizes were:—  
Girls: Mrs. Nightingale, special prize, Mrs. Pinget; Boys: 1. Mr. E. Ralphs, special prize, Mr. A. E. Wood.  
Three cheers for Mrs. Wylie and the Headmaster concluded another annual function of this nature.

## PROPERTY SALE.

## POKFULAM ROAD HOUSE.

At Messrs. Lammet Brothers Auction Rooms, Duddell Street, yesterday afternoon, there was sold, by order of the mortgagees, a leasehold property at No. 73, Pokfulam Road, known as the remaining portion of Section D of Inland Lot No. 1609.

This building has two separate wings and may be treated as two houses with a common entrance. The premises are held for a term of 999 years from December, 20th, 1887.

The annual Crown rent is \$13, and the area is 2,783 square feet. The upset price was \$15,000, and bids of \$200 followed, until the figure of \$20,000 was reached, from which point there were bids of \$500 until the sum of \$30,600 was reached. From then on there were bids of \$200, the property finally being knocked down to Mr. Tang Kin Sang for \$30,900.

## XMAS MAILS.

## THE HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS.

NO PARCELS TO-MORROW!

A notice from the General Post Office gives the following particulars regarding the Christmas holiday arrangements:—

Monday, December 26th, and Tuesday, December 27th, the General Post Office and the branch offices will be open as follows:—

The G.P.O. on Monday from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and on Tuesday from 8 a.m. to noon.

The Kowloon Post Office will be open on Monday from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and on Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The Wanchai, Sheungwan, Sai-yungpun, Yaumati and Shamshui branch offices will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. each day.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes, and one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day, as on Sundays, and one delivery of registered correspondence each day at 9 a.m.

## The Home Mail.

The *Deranka* is not due until to-morrow (Saturday) morning with the Home mail (the real Christmas mail). This steamer is bringing a large batch of letters and papers and Christmas greetings, and nearly 2,000 parcels and insured packages.

The letters and papers should be ready for collection and delivery by 11.15 time to-morrow, but it is doubtful whether the parcels will be ready for delivery the same day, as with each parcel it is necessary to write out a notification. This will take a considerable time, and therefore residents are likely to be somewhat disappointed in not receiving their parcels from Home the same day. They may have to wait a day or so for them, but, after all, a day or two matter little after so many weeks in transit! And, surely, the Postal officials and staff deserve a slight break at Christmas time as well as the rest of the community.

To-day the *Kashgar* is also due with Home mail via Siberia, and this steamer also takes the outward Home mail to-morrow, via Suez.

## SHANGHAI SHIVERS.

## CLOTHES SHOPS 'AFFECTED BY STRIKE.

SHANGHAI.

With the cold wintry wind blowing down from the frozen Siberian wastes, poorer Chinese in Shanghai are finding much difficulty in fitting themselves with clothes of reasonable warmth since assistants at second-hand clothes shops here went out on strike.

## SHANGHAI.

After toying with the threat of strike for some weeks, 2,000 assistants at Shanghai second-hand clothes shops walked out last week demanding higher wages and better working conditions.

This business is very extensive in Shanghai, several hundred shops dealing in nothing but second-hand clothes, which are sold to poorer classes of Chinese, especially in winter. Many shops were inundated with business but were unable to attend to it owing to shortage of staffs, although at many shops the proprietors are carrying on practically single-handed.

Assistants at jewellery shops and goldsmiths are also on strike, but many of the goldsmiths' assistants have returned. In the jewellery trade, however, the shopkeepers are adopting a firmer stand. At a meeting one shopkeeper, speaking for the meeting deprecated the strike and said as the end of the year is approaching both shopkeepers and assistants would be affected by the walk-out.

He pointed out that under the new revolutionary régime attention is being paid to the labourers, but he suggested that some attention should also be paid to the shopkeepers who had been selected more than once as sufferers from the strike weapon.—*Shanghai Times*.



## NANKING EXTENDS ITS JURISDICTION.

NOW INCLUDES HONAN, SHENSI AND KANSU.

SOUTHERNERS ADVANCING IN SHANTUNG.

BRITISH NAVAL VESSELS TACKLING YANGTZE PIRATES.

(Wah Tai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Dec. 22nd.  
 Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang has telegraphed to the Nanking Government to the effect that the occupation of Hsuehchow by the Nationalists has effected a juncture politically and militarily between the Kuomintang and the Nationalists. He proposed that hereafter all political procedure in Honan, Shensi and Kansu should be placed under the direction of the Nanking Government.

On receiving Marshal Feng's telegram, the Central Government replied that all high political authorities in those above-mentioned provinces will be required to make their respective reports to the Central Government before any steps be taken.

## NANKING AND RUSSIA'S COMMERCIAL INTERESTS.

(Wah Tai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, December 22nd.  
 A Commission organised by the Foreign, Financial and Communications Department of the Nanking Government for the purpose of taking charge of Russian commercial interests in the Kuomintang territory, has been inaugurated.

General Li Tsai Hsin is expected to leave Shanghai for Canton tomorrow by the S.S. President McKinley.

The Southerners have advanced to Lincheng in Shantung. Passenger traffic on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway between Hsuehchow and Pukow has been resumed.

It is persistently reported that the Shansi troops have re-captured Shiehchiang, an important city of Southern Chihli. Their vanguards have even advanced to Tientsin whence they are preparing to attack Paoingfu. Fighting is now going at Mengtu.

General Ho Ying Chien has returned to Nanking from Hsuehchow in order to confer with the Nanking leaders regarding military operations against the Northern.

On receiving information that a number of Communist agitators have secretly found their way to Amoy, the local authorities there have embarked upon precautionary measures to check their activities.

## DR. WANG CHUNG HUI'S NEW POST.

(Wah Tai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, December 22nd.  
 Dr. Wang Chung Hui, Minister of Justice to the Nanking Government, will proceed to Europe for the purpose of attending the coming session of the International Court at The Hague.

## YANGTZE PIRATES.

THREATENING LETTERS.

BRITISH NAVAL VESSELS IN ACTION.

(NAVAL WIRELESS.)

HANKOW, Dec. 21st.  
 The activities of the British Navy against pirates along the middle course of the Yangtze River have been extended and two more successes have taken place.

A pirate launch was captured on board which were six pirates who were all wounded in action and therefore unable to escape.

An armed guard was placed on board a private launch. Another gang of pirates attacked this craft but their fire was returned by the guard, inflicting many casualties among the pirates.

Divers Threats.

The Hankow office of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire (who are agents for the China Navigation Co.) has received two threatening letters bearing the signature of Hu Chun who demands the sum of \$100,000 from the British firm, threatening divers penalties in case of non-payment.

The Hu Chun pirate gang claims to control the banks of the Yangtze at Shensi and Kiangchow. Their threat is that if they are not paid shortly, they will kill all the captains and commanders of the company and burn the ships.

## CONTROL OF CANTON.

THE NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT'S REPRESENTATIVE.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

SHANGHAI, Dec. 22nd.  
 The Nationalist Government has authorized Li Tsai Hsin to take over control of Canton, Chang Fat Fui and Wong Kie Cheung having resigned or disappeared.

Li Tsai Hsin will leave for Canton on the 29th or 31st.

## KIUKIANG "REDS."

VIGOROUS ACTION BEING TAKEN.

(NAVAL WIRELESS.)

KIUKIANG, Dec. 21st.  
 Vigorous action is being taken by the authorities against Communists, and following many executions recently, it is noticeable that large numbers are leaving Kiangsu, all presumed to be "Reds."

Wuh's Labour Trouble.

WUHU, Dec. 21st.  
 The threatened labour trouble is developing, though the general strike has not yet begun.

Further trouble has arisen in connection with salt transshipment. It will be recalled that the Wuhu authorities interfered with salt cargoes a brief while ago, but on protests by the British authorities, the cargo was released. The Consul has taken the matter up once again.

Blaze in Hankow Concession.

HANKOW, Dec. 22nd.  
 Fire broke out in the offices of the Aniline Dye Company, in the ex-British Concession, last night, the conflagration lasting for several hours.

It was one of the biggest fires that has occurred in the foreign section of Hankow for some time, and caused considerable excitement.

The Aniline Dye Company premises were almost entirely gutted, but the fire was prevented from spreading to any large extent to other buildings.

At first the fire was thought to be the result of incendiaries, but this is not now suggested.

## COMMUNISTS EXECUTED AT HANKOW.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

SHANGHAI, Dec. 22nd.  
 A telegram from Hankow, dated the 21st inst., states that four more Chinese Communists, including one girl, were executed yesterday. The ex-head of the Provincial Government, Kung Kang, with other officials was apprehended yesterday evening. They are awaiting trial on charges of favouring Communism and of misgovernment.

It is authoritatively stated that the Military authorities detained 12 Russian women and five men. All will be released shortly except two men, Glatz, the Dalbank manager, and Yessin, the Soviet trade representative, who will probably be deported after further investigation.

## SOVIET DUPLICITY.

INCRIMINATING DOCUMENT FOUND IN CANTON.

A REPLY TO CHICHERIN.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

Regarding M. Chicherin's Note protesting against the closure of the Russian Consulates and denying that the Canton Consulate guided the revolutionary movement by peasants and workers, it is learned from a semi-official source in Canton that a document, partly burned, numbered B/12937-10, and endorsed by the Seventh Enlarged Plenum Executive Committee of the Communist International, was discovered in the raid on Consulate's archives.

The document explains how the Communist Party must take command of the peasant movement, in accordance with the programme of the Agrarian Revolution, and instructing, *inter alia*, the disarming of the People's Militia and other forces among the gentry, while arming poor and middle-class peasants to form an Army.

## GERMANY TO WATCH SOVIET INTERESTS.

ACCEPTS VERY MODIFIED LIABILITY.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

BERLIN, Dec. 21st.  
 The German Government has agreed to the Soviet request to take charge of the latter's interests in South China and has instructed its Consuls accordingly.

LATER.

It is semi-officially announced that the fulfilment of the Soviet's request is a matter of international courtesy, and did not mean taking charge of Diplomatic representation, which was impossible as Germany had not yet recognised the Government of South China.

No intervention in the political strife of China was intended, and German Consuls were not authorised to interfere in questions of high politics.

The announced adds it follows that the fulfilment of the Russian request does not mean that Germany is now in a position to shield Communist propaganda or excuses.

## THE KING'S SPEECH.

PARLIAMENT PROROGUED.

NAVAL CONFERENCE MENTIONED.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Dec. 22nd.  
 Parliament has been prorogued until February 7th.

The King's speech on the prorogation of Parliament dwells with satisfaction on the enthusiastic reception accorded to the Prince of Wales and Prince George in Canada and to the Duke and Duchess of York in Australia and elsewhere.

M. Doumergue's visit to London in summer "afforded the people a welcome opportunity of demonstrating their affection for France." Frank and friendly Anglo-Egyptian conversations on the occasion of the visit of King Fuad were "a good augury for the future."

The British proposals at the Geneva Naval Conference would, it is asserted, have substantially reduced naval strengths and costs. Despite temporary failure Britain does not intend embarking on an increase of her naval building programme, which is based on a considered view of the defensive needs of the Empire.

The speech dwells on the great value of the recent inter-Imperial Conference in London and earnestly trusts from the labours of the Indian Statutory Commission that a system of Government may emerge giving contentment to the peoples of India and strengthening the bonds that unite the Empire.

The speech adverts to the Anglo-Iraq Treaty and notes with satisfaction the debt-funding agreements signed in respect of all war debts with Britain except Russia.

The state of employment, though showing welcome signs of improvement in some parts of the country, still causes anxiety.

## CONCESSIONS IN CHINA.

SUBJECT AGAIN BEFORE THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

FOREIGN SECRETARY'S VIEWS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Dec. 21st.  
 In the House of Commons, questioned regarding the Crown leases surrendered in the six Concessions in China, Sir Austen Chamberlain said he did not anticipate that the charge was likely to be detrimental to British interests.

He reminded the House that it was the Government's policy to relax rather than to extend the British control of the administration of those Municipal areas.

Roughly, Dec. 21st.  
 Sir Austen Chamberlain was asked in the House of Commons about the surrender by Britain of leases in Chinese Treaty Ports conceded by the Chinese Government between 1921 and 1925.

He replied that the value of these leases could not be accurately assessed at the present moment but, according to a valuation made in 1925, previous to the outbreak of anti-foreign agitations in China, the worth of the reversionary interest in land and buildings held under the leases with an unexpired term of approximately 30 years, was £750,000.

At a later date it was anticipated that these reversionary interests might have realised about £400,000. The position in China, however, rendered it impossible to proceed with a scheme for the sale of these interests without guarantees of tenure, which would be wholly inconsistent with the policy of the British Government.

The land was acquired under perpetual lease from the Chinese Government to whom the fixed ground rent continued to be paid and, concurrently, by purchase from actual Chinese owners. The Concession areas were situated at Tientsin, Hankow, Kiukiang, Chinkiang, Amoy and Canton and they consisted of a total of 322 acres, divided into 324 lots. Those properties were chiefly in British, but partly in other hands. They were to be transferred to the present lot-holders without payment and, unconditionally, except for a proviso that the lot-holders should bear any expenses arising from the assignments.

British Policy.

As regards future ownership, he had no reason to anticipate that any change was likely to be detrimental to British interests, but it was the policy of the British Government to relax rather than to extend British control in the administration of these Municipal areas. Other foreign Powers had immediately transferred their perpetual leases to their respective lot-holders and in no other case was a foreign government the ground landlord of any similar area in Chinese territory.

## SOVIET TRADE MISSION.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

SHANGHAI, Dec. 22nd.  
 It is understood that the operating staff of the Soviet Trade Mission stay at Kobe.

## SIR ALAN COBHAM'S SEAPLANE.

THE DAMAGE DONE AT MALTA.

QUESTIONS IN THE COMMONS.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

ROGERS, Dec. 22nd.  
 Answering a question in Parliament regarding the damage to Sir Alan Cobham's seaplane at Malta during the proposed round-Africa flight, Sir Philip Sassoon said that a pair of wing tip floats were carried away by the swell during the landing, and the port elevator and the lower portion of the plane were damaged by a heavy sea whilst the machine was being beached. These parts were being renewed with as little delay as possible.

High-Speed Aircraft.

Replying to another question, Sir Philip Sassoon said that seven high-speed aircraft were built this year and six of these were made available for the Schneider Trophy. They were constructed for the purpose of carrying out an important programme of research into problems of high-speed flight. Valuable data bearing on the problem of improvement in the speed of aircraft had already been secured with these machines.

## "RE 100"

STATEMENT BY SIR PHILIP SASSOON.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

ROGERS, December 22nd.  
 Questioned in Parliament regarding the aircraft RE 100 now under construction privately for the Government, Sir Philip Sassoon, Under-Secretary for Air, said it did not appear likely that the total fuel weight of the aircraft, including passenger car and fittings, would exceed the contract figure of 80 tons. Two scientists, who were investigating the airworthiness of the two aircraft now being built, could not complete their investigation of RE 100 for some months but, so far, it appeared that the factors of safety laid down in the report of airworthiness of the aircraft panel had been fully adhered to.

## DISASTROUS FIRE IN MANILA.

LOSS OF LIFE AND HEAVY DAMAGE.

2,000 HOMELESS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

MANILA, Dec. 22nd.  
 A fire in the suburbs of Manila has caused the death of two natives, and damage to the extent of one million pesos. Two thousand people have been rendered homeless.

## NORTHERN IRELAND'S PARLIAMENT.

PEACEFUL CONDITIONS.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

ROGERS, December 22nd.  
 The Parliament of Northern Ireland was prorogued yesterday. Gratification was expressed in the King's speech at the improvement in trade as shown by the big reduction of unemployment and also a general continuance of peaceful conditions in Northern Ireland.

## INDIA'S DISCOUNT RATE RAISED.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

BOMBAY, Dec. 22nd.  
 The Bank of India has raised the discount rate from six to seven per cent.

## UNITED ACTION.

A LIBERAL M.P.'S SUGGESTION.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Dec. 21st.  
 In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. J. Duckworth (Lib.) suggested that Britain, Japan and the United States should discuss the desirability of ascertaining whether an offer of their joint good services in endeavouring to assist in effecting a settlement of the present impasse would be favourably entertained by all parties in China.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, the Foreign Secretary, in reply, said that the Government was constantly communicating with the Governments of Japan and the United States on all matters concerning their joint interests in China, and while the British Government was anxious to take any proper action within their power which might assist in the restoration of peace in China, he did not see any reason at present to believe that the step suggested would contribute in any way towards the attainment of this end.

## SMUGGLING DRUGS TO THE FAR EAST.

ARRESTS EFFECTED.

GERMAN AND BRITISH POLICE CO-OPERATION.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Dec. 22nd.  
 A telegram from Berlin states that three persons, suspected of being members of a big international drug smuggling organisation, have been traced by the aid of documents and codes seized in Berlin last October. As the result of co-operation between the German police and British authorities in the Far East seizures followed the arrest of a Russian in Shanghai on a charge of disposing of smuggled drugs in the Far East and his life in Berlin, who was charged of the purchase and arranging of transport of the drugs. The correspondence contained the names of persons through which the drugs were apparently procured. Two men mentioned therein have been arrested in Switzerland, another in Strasbourg while proceedings have begun against three factories in Switzerland, one in South Germany, and one in France for participating in illegal drug traffic.

## JUVENILE BETTING.

DEPUTATION CALLS ON HOME SECRETARY.

DEPLORES GREYHOUND RACING.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

ROGERS, December 22nd.  
 An undertaking that the Cabinet would consider the whole question of greyhound racing was given last night by Sir William Joynson Hicks, who received a deputation on the subject representing three political parties and introduced by Mr. John Thomas, Labour M.P.

The deputation laid before the Home Secretary the anxiety felt regarding the growth of betting particularly among youths which took place on dog races.

Sir Joynson Hicks said he shared the deputation's anxiety concerning the effects of the enormous extension of the new sport but the Government had to be fully satisfied as to its evil results before interfering. Regarding juvenile betting, he had, however, directed investigation as to the Home Secretary's powers to deal with it.

If legislation was necessary he would have an opportunity to protect minors next year in a new bill relating to children. On the broad question the whole matter would have to be considered by Government in the moral and material interests of the community generally. He gave a warning hint to those investing money in new undertakings, to promote greyhound racing in various parts of the country, that its development had been so sudden and so extensive that any government must give serious attention to it. He promised a fuller statement of the Government policy when the Commons re-assemble in February.

## NO CHRISTMAS NEWS-PAPERS IN ENGLAND.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, December 22nd.  
 No news papers will be published in England on the 26th instant.

## CHANCELLOR'S BUDGET PROPOSAL.

STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

ROGERS, Dec. 21st.  
 In the House of Commons the Prime Minister stated that the proposal which was made by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in his last Budget statement that the Ministry of Transport, the Department of Mines, and the Department of Overseas Trade should be abolished could not be effected without legislation, except in the case of the Department of Overseas Trade. It would not be right to make demands on Parliamentary time out of all proportion to the actual saving likely to be effected.

## ABYSSINIAN ATTACK.

INCIDENT MENTIONED IN THE COMMONS.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

ROGERS, Dec. 21st.  
 In the House of Commons Sir A. Chamberlain was asked what was the conclusion arrived at by the Court of arbitration regarding the attack made by Abyssinian soldiers last June.

He replied that the Court had fixed damages at about £3,600, and this sum had duly been paid by the Abyssinian Government. The Court also recommended the removal of the Abyssinian officer chiefly responsible, and he had accordingly been dismissed from his post by the Abyssinian Government.

## EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES.

ARRANGING THE FIRST MEETING.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

Rogers, Dec. 22nd.

The first meeting for the discussion of the industrial reorganisation and industrial relations, arranged between group of employers led by Sir Alfred Mond and the Trades Union Congress general council, is expected to take place at the end of January or early in February.

## CARGO SEIZURE.

STATEMENT IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

GOVERNMENT PROTESTS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Dec. 21st.  
 In the House of Commons, Sir Gratton Doyle and Mr. Foot-Mitchell enquired regarding the seizure and confiscation on December 2nd, at Lintings, of a cargo of British goods of the value of \$24,000 (Mex.) by Marshal Chang Tso Liang, the Tsupan of Shantung, notwithstanding an offer to pay irregular taxes.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that the action of the Shantung authorities appeared to be pure robbery. The Consul-General at Tientsin had protested locally and Sir Miles Lampson had also made the strongest verbal representations to the Foreign Minister at Peking who had telegraphed to Shantung and promised to take up the matter with the Premier and with Marshal Chang Tso Liang's headquarters. He had confessed that he had no authority in Shantung.

Sir Austen Chamberlain added that the British Government could not overlook such a gross violation of the elementary rights of British merchants and counted on Marshal Chang Tso Liang, who claimed to control the province of Shantung, to take steps to secure the release of these goods.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)  
 Confiscation.

ROGERS, Dec. 21st.  
 In the House of Commons, the Foreign Secretary was asked if he was aware of the disregard of reasonable security for trade shown by some of the Northern Chinese leaders and especially by the Military Governor of Shantung, in whose territory the open confiscation of valuable British merchandise had recently occurred.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that on the 15th December, the British Minister at Peking, reported that the Shantung authorities were threatening the confiscation of a consignment of goods valued at some \$400,000 or \$450,000 belonging to a British Company. These goods were being conveyed in boats on the Grand Canal from Tientsin to Southern Chihli. At Lintings, in Shantung, they were held up for the enforcement of various irregular taxes. The Company agreed to pay these taxes but, notwithstanding orders were given for the confiscation of the goods. It was alleged that these orders emanated from Marshal Chang Tso Liang, Military Governor of Shantung. In any case, the action of the Shantung authorities appeared to be pure robbery.

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## RUBBER INDUSTRY.

AMALGAMATION PROPOSALS.

POLICY RAISED.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Dec. 21st.  
 A meeting of shareholders approved of the proposals for the amalgamation of rubber companies mentioned on December 12th.

Mr. James Fairbairn, presiding at a meeting of the Amalgamated Rubber and General Estates, said he was hopeful that the amalgamation would thoroughly demonstrate the soundness of the policy and hoped that within the next few months he would see many amalgamations on accomplished fact.

(A London cable of December 12th stated:—One of the biggest rubber-producing companies in the world is to be formed by merging the Amalgamated Rubber and General Estates and the Amalgamated Rubber Development Company into the United Serdang "Sumatra" Rubber Plantations, the latter increasing capital from £1,000,000 to £1,500,000. The planted acreage will exceed 30,000 acres, including 1,000 devoted to coffee.)

## ITALY'S CURRENCY.

PLACED UPON A GOLD BASIS.

BANK OF ENGLAND AND U.S. BANKS INTERESTED.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

ROME, Dec. 21st.  
 The king has signed a Cabinet decree making it obligatory for the Bank of Italy to convert its notes to a gold basis as from December 22nd. The obligation has been suspended since 1894. The new parity is on a basis of about 92 lire to one pound sterling.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

An Agreement.

ROME, Dec. 22nd.  
 In connection with Italy's return to the gold standard an agreement has been concluded in London with the Governors of the Bank of England and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for credits of 125 million dollars of which 75 million will be provided from fourteen of the big banks of the United States having a gold standard and fifty thousand from Morgans.

## ENGLAND'S ICE-BOUND STREETS.

EXTRAORDINARY LARGE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Dec. 21st.  
 Fractured skulls, broken arms, legs, collar-bones and wrists, and dislocated fingers are among the 1,600 casualties, due to falls on the icy streets after the sudden thaw, treated at thirty London hospitals.

Ambulance men, doctors and nurses have been worked at high pressure. Such an experience is unprecedented, and similar conditions have obtained throughout the provinces, hundreds of cars being marooned on the marble-like roads and unable to progress.

2,000 Accidents.

LATER.  
 The number of casualties in London owing to the icy streets is now reported to be 2,000.

The slippery condition of the roads and pavements in London this morning, caused by rain turning to ice on the frozen ground, caused an extraordinary number of casualties. The hospitals dealt with as many as 1,600 accidents, chiefly broken limbs, sprains and bruises, suffered by pedestrians.

In addition, the electric train services were considerably delayed owing to the trains failing to get on the icy rails. Transit was generally disorganised.

## MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S TRIP TO RIO.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, December 21st.  
 Mr. Lloyd George, with his family, has gone to South America for the benefit of his wife's health.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

The Ex-Premier's Engagements.  
 ROGERS, December 22nd.  
 Mr. Lloyd George has few public engagements in Brazil but will be the guest at a dinner given by the Brazilian Foreign Minister and will attend a reception of the British Chamber of Commerce at Rio.

## THE 'GEORGES GUYNEMER' LANDS SAFELY IN TURKEY.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

ATHENS, Dec. 21st.  
 Uneasiness is felt regarding the fate of the aeroplane of Georges Gynemer. It was due yesterday morning from Rome but has not yet arrived.

Military aeroplanes are instituting a search so soon as weather permits.

PARIS, Dec. 21st.  
 The Air Ministry has received information that the aeroplane of Georges Gynemer has landed safely at Adana, Turkey.

## OBITUARY.

MR. COURTICE POUNDS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Dec. 21st.  
 The death is announced of Mr. Charles Courtice Pounds, the famous actor and vocalist.

A matinee for his benefit at His Majesty's Theatre, London, ten days ago produced £3,000.

Mr. Courtice Pounds was 65 years of age, and he was only 28 when he made his first great success in London, creating the part of Fairfax in the "Yeomen of the Guard" at the Savoy Theatre, where he appeared in all subsequent productions for four successive years. He toured Australia in 1895, but later



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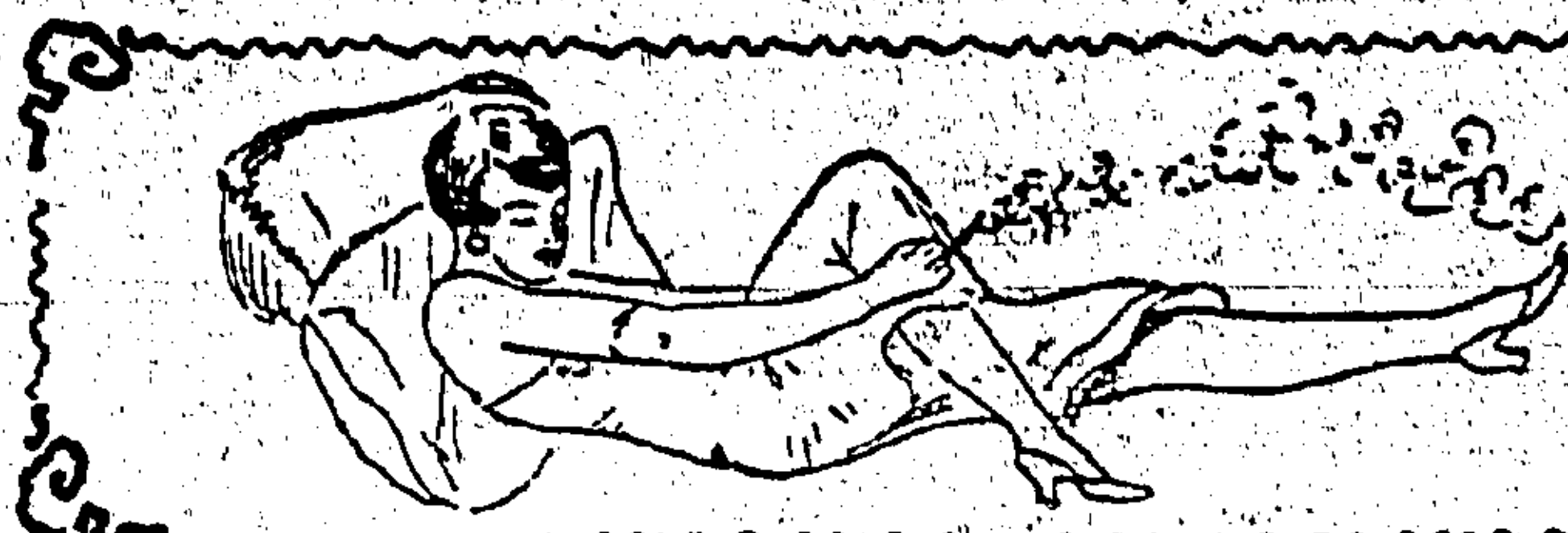
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## The WOMAN'S PAGE

### "ALL BEAUTIFUL WITHIN."

UNDERWEAR COMBINES  
CHARM WITH  
DISCRETION.

A beautiful wearer deserves beautiful under clothes, and so does a beautiful frock. Your undies are no longer quite your own concern in these days of very short skirts, and moreover, the most perfectly cut dress can never hang as it should unless it be given the right foundation.

There are, of course, undies and undies; every variety from wool and discretion to the most frivolous of "temperamental" undies wonderfully constructed of filmy lace and chiffon. But celanese strikes the happy compromise. Designs, colours and fashioning are chic and dainty, the fabric is warm and will give good service, the garments are most reasonably priced, and for patriotism's sake, of entirely British manufacture.



*Layers, and not frills, of net shaded from beige at the top to brown at the hem are used for this dress, which has an important gold sash.*

The amazing rise in Celanese shares should convince the most hard headed husband that Celanese is a worth while purchase and his wife will have no doubts on that score when she has examined the lovely garments I saw this week in Lane, Crawford's.

The quaintly called "Trinity Garment" is most practical for day or evening wear. It is put to preserve the slender line so important in the present mode and yet to do the work of two garments: petticoat and cami brocker. To the inside of the waist of the petticoat is woven a directoire knicker which opens up one side and fastens discretely with an elastic at the knee. If you sit in a very low chair or are English enough to cross your knees a glimpse of lace edged petticoat may be given but no more. Your "Trinity Garment" must either match your frock or your stockings, and as the colour range is very wide indeed there can be little difficulty in this. One of the newest and most charming shades is "Sahara" which is edged with Paris shade lace, and another extremely useful colour "Argent" like "Sahara" tones with nearly all the fashionable shades of beige grey blues and browns. But you can have "Yoffre," or "Pervinche blue," "Orchid," "Dus de rose," "Shell pink" or almost any other colour if you prefer.

The elastic which is inset in the underarm hem of all Celanese garments is a great comfort, as it prevents the shoulder straps slipping or being unduly strained. "Cami Brocker" vests, petticoats, nighties, step-ins and directoire knickers are all made in various styles some more elaborate than others, some plain, some lace trimmed, but in every case the garments are practical and pretty in design.

### ACCORDING TO PAMELA.

THE VARIED CHARM OF  
AUTUMN HATS.

The soft felt and velour hat models upon which the mode has set the seal of her approval this season are not only immensely becoming to youthful wearers, but also enable the artist in millinery to indulge his fancies as regards treatment of brim and crown. Hat brims can be treated in a number of ways, very often by dispensing with them altogether. Just how becoming the hat of the moment may be is illustrated in convincing manner in Pamela's. Lines of stitching are held to be quite sufficient trimming for any given model, a hat in delphinium blue has transverse sunburst tucks on one side and a slightly full crown also tuck. A turned back band of the felt, à la Russian crown and a flat gold buckle, is held to be quite enough trimming for a model in fine black felt. Another black felt is trimmed with a real snake skin which passes twice round the crown mounting slightly in front. The delightful fur felt is very becoming to faces which demand a rather softer hat. I liked two, both a warmish dark beige. The one was trimmed with a stiff flat cocarde of chenille of the same tone, and the other with a moon shaped insertion of a deeper brown panne in the front and prettily arranged tucks.

### BY THE WAY.

PIONEER.—The sale at the Pioneer Silk Store is as fascinating as ever and the assistants are having a busy time. Certainly it is a wonderful opportunity for there is georgette in a lovely range of colours at \$1.15 a yard. A big shipment of plain marocain and taffetas in lovely shot effects arrived this week. Undies which are selling rapidly, are greatly reduced in price, fine milanese vests and knickers at \$3 and \$2.40, the two for \$4 are a great bargain, and you can get charming three piece sets in crêpe de chine now for \$12.90. Flannel Haori coats have been reduced from \$7.50 to \$4.95.

WINTER COATS.—Powell's are showing some smart winter coats mostly with fur collars and cuffs which are very nice, there are not many of them so you should pay an early visit.

Pretty Cushions.—I found in Whiteaway's some charming Duchesse cushions for only \$10 each covered with pleated silk rep in all shades. These CURTAIN NETS by way have been selling like hot cakes and you should go soon if you want a good choice, if you see them you are sure to decide that you need new curtains. Our Glass SALON BOWLS too are always useful and I found here some very pretty inexpensive patterns.

Cushions de Luxe.—Lane, Crawford's have the most fascinating cushions, and lace covers made of rich and brightly coloured materials. There is one of *riche rose* taffetas which is just like a very large rose in shape, gold and pink chenille makes another and yet a third is shaped like a big blue butterfly. A very gorgeous cushion is made of violet silk with inset squares of brightly coloured chenille edged with gold kid. I found cushions of every sort there from those in pretty cretonne covers for \$3 to others which seemed almost too lovely to use.

Souchow, Creek.—In the same shop I found an eiderdown of black satin with a large panel of painted velvet representing Souchow Creek. A similar eiderdown has two transverse bands of hand painted flowers on velvet inset into the black satin.

Frocks For All Occasions.—There is always a joyous air of activity in Madame Sarrault's; orders come in every hour and happy customers go away with a delightful purchase. A black taffetas robe de style with a scarlet poppy on the shoulder, and two others appliqued on the very full skirt is festive and like most of the Sarrault creations very inexpensive. Her small hats of silk or velvet are general favourites, and are made to suit the type and requirements of each customer. A large shipment of new goods, frocks, hats and coats was expected to arrive yesterday and will probably be shown to-day.

Silks and Gold Tissues.—Pohoomull's have received some new metal tissues which are extremely attractive. The material is as soft and supple as crêpe de chine, and the patterns, really charming. You can find plain gold or silver, checked or diapered.

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### THE CHILDREN'S PARTY SEASON!

AMUSING YOUNG AND OLD  
GUESTS.

Competitions usually go a long way towards making a party a success. They are enjoyed by grown-ups and children alike, and at those parties where there are often a number of both they can be divided into classes to suit the ages of the competitors. Then everyone is kept busy and amused.

A good idea for the "senior class" is to paste the portraits of about fifty celebrities on one or two large pieces of cardboard and number them clearly underneath. A big collection of these can soon be made from the daily and weekly papers or old magazines. Each guest is handed a paper, numbered to correspond with the card, and given a certain time in which to write down the names of as many as she can. Someone who has the clue will then read the list, and



### THE CALYX CUFF.

The particular interest of the white satin jumper at the top of the sketch is the cuff, lined with red satin—the right one is shown overturned. The skirt and sleeve embroidery are of black velvet. Oyster-white, crêpe and black satin are used for the other can-can, the tones of the jade and gold embroideries on which are repeated in the neckline.

a prize will be given to the one who has the most correct. This competition is not over too quickly and usually proves of absorbing interest while it lasts.

### An Amusing Competition.

Another popular one is to blind-fold everyone in turn and give them objects to feel, such as indiarubber, loaf sugar, sealing-wax, etc. Those who have done their turn can watch the amusing blunders made by the "blind" person in the chair. Drawing a given subject, placing a dozen objects in a particular order, or "things you ought to know" (questions about everyday happenings) are also useful in making a party go with a swing.

### More Adventurous Amusements.

Children enjoy more adventurous competitions, such as walking blind-fold down a narrow path between two pieces of string without stepping over the border, or seeing who can march the slowest from one end of the room to the other. Another very popular one is to place half the number of children in a row and let the other half tickle their noses with a feather or make grimaces at them. As they smile, they are counted "out" until only one remains.

There is always a difficulty in choosing prizes that will do equally well for a man and or woman or a boy and a girl—therefore it is best to have separate ones. An inexpensive but original gift as a booby prize puts the finishing touch to parties that are generally pleasant to be remembered.

patterns of either, and several materials which combine either gold or silver with one or more colours. A deep violet has a well designed pattern which shows threads of silver; and a pale egg shell blue material has a design of silver and very small pink spots. These metalised brocades can be used either by themselves or in combination with other stuffs for evening gowns or cloaks. They are thirty-six inches wide and only cost \$10 a yard.

CHIFFON DE CHINE.—They showed me in the same shop some very nice sets of crêpe de chine underwear, nightgown, petticoat, and knickers, in several colours of heavy Chinese silk and very prettily embroidered.

### POHOOMULL BROTHERS

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## WOMAN'S PAGE (CONT'D.)

## A NEW YEAR RESOLUTION.

## AN ENSEMBLE FROM THE LANTERN.

Fashion to-day is very much a matter of personal taste, so long as you are awake to the fundamental lines of the mode. The starting points of fashion are at the moment concentrated on the ensemble and the hip line which is essentially well fitted. Everything now swings from the hips. Frocks and coats may blouse above and flare below, but at the hip they must have an almost glove-like fitting. They are just easy enough to sit down in and show no strain. This line keeps the figure young and slim in appearance.

The smart woman who is always well dressed plans her wardrobe with foresight and judgment, so that several frocks can be worn with the same coat and accessories forming a complete ensemble wardrobe. Constancy is necessary in line and type as well as in colour, and that is the reason why most well dressed women go to the same shop for most of their clothes. A buyer or dressmaker must be influenced to a certain extent by her own taste, and particularly in those shops where only a comparatively small stock is kept it is easy to fit yourself with a smart ensemble wardrobe.

We all talk about New Year Resolutions, some of us make them and a few keep them; an excellent resolution for a good many women would be to set about the purchase of an ensemble wardrobe, for it is one which they would never regret.

When I was in the Sign of the Lantern the other day, I found, as I always do there, hats, frocks and coats of distinction, and chose out a very smart and practical ensemble in black and flesh colour and the new pink beige.

For the evening, a black chiffon frock with the yoke underlined with flesh pink, a very full skirt and a posy of pink and mauve sequins is smart becoming and practical. For the second evening dress I should choose one in black corded silk which is in picture lines with a tight bodice and full skirt.

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## TABLE DECORATION.

## "THEY MIGHT BE ARTIFICIAL."

I remember bringing home one day from London a bunch of early tulips, fragile greenish yellow blooms with fresh smell. Our cockney char was loud in her admiration. "Oh, Miss," she said, "aren't they lovely, why they might be artificial!" At the time I felt it a very misplaced compliment but now I am beginning to revise my opinion. For modern artificial flowers for table decoration are delicious, and, alas, cut flowers have a habit here of drooping even before your guests arrive. The pretty blooms which Lane, Crawford's are now showing are quite delightful. There are sprays for vases and little individual flowers to stand before each guest and if you like they support a menu. You can get almost any flowers from daffodils and roses to bright holly berries, but I think I loved the naturatums best, though the eschscholtzia and pansies are both very attractive. The flowers are beautifully made and coloured, natural and yet admirably adopted for decorative purposes.

Vandyck lace insertions on the skirt allow a glimpse of the shell pink slip.

For afternoon wear, still keeping to the black and pink ensemble, I chose a pinky beige georgette frock with embroidery of black chenille, which combines simplicity with a very decorative effect, and a very smart cut frock of black chiffon brocade. This is cut quite high in the neck, rather on Russian coat lines, having a border of black chiffon from throat to hem on the left side and a scarf collar and pouffe at the hip of the same.

A stronger note might be struck by a third more simple afternoon dress of silk jersey in a deep claret colour with the new surprise front.

I should choose a black face cloth overcoat with a lovely kolin sky collar to wear with the afternoon frocks, and a black velvet wrap for the evening. The sports suits so necessary to-day might be of pinky beige, or the new greige which is a combination of grey and beige, and the small hats black, and one with a wide brim in a beige.

## SILKEN TREASURES FROM SHANGHAI.

## THE GRIP-IT BAG.

An excellent new venture has been started in Shanghai a band of American women have opened workrooms for the designing and fashioning of silk underwear. The exquisite embroidery is done by Chinese girls and the materials are the best Chinese silk *crêpe de chine*. But the American ladies have seen to the dying and to the designs, and under their careful supervision there is no loose stitching or bad finishing allowed to spoil the garments.

Careful attention to these small details and several interesting features make these new undies which Pamela is now stocking something quite out of the ordinary. There is for instance a small button and loop sewn on the upper hem under the arm so that a chemise or petticoat can be adjusted to fit almost any figure. This is useful if you want to dispense with shoulder straps in the evening or wear a transparent frock. The section under the arm is further strengthened by a semi-circular doubling of the material, rather like a dress fastener, which while almost invisible prevents under arm wear.

But perhaps the most welcome invention of all is the very deep hem almost up to the waist, which renders each petticoat shadow proof, and does away with any necessity to wear two even with the most transparent frocks.

In silk and *crêpe de chine*, embroidered or with net appliqué in several exquisite shades you can find night gowns, petticoats and teddies, in charming and original designs.

I saw at the same time in Pamela's shop Morley's sports stockings and washing *suede* gloves. The stockings are extremely smart, and being Morley's, it goes without saying that they are good. Most of them are in fine wool of two colours, often with darker feet and patterning which runs to just below the calf giving a delightfully slender effect to the ankle. Sometimes the lighter wool is used for foot and pattern.

The gloves are beautifully cut and in all the latest shades of beige and grey, and I noticed also some very charming bags of practical design with the new "grip-it" mount which renders them proof against pickpockets.

## WOMEN PRETTIEST AT THIRTY-FIVE.

## DOCTOR'S VIEW OF MIDDLE AGE AT 30.

The cheering theory that nobody need ever grow old—if he knows the secret of keeping young—was voiced by famous men and women of science, commerce, sport, and the stage.

They were asked what they thought of the statement of Dr. E. N. MacKenna at Liverpool that a man is middle-aged at thirty, and at his best physically between twenty-five and thirty, and mentally between forty-five and fifty.

"Nonsense," was the almost unanimous reply of well-known old, middle-aged, and young people, some of whom revealed their secret of being young at seventy—and after.

## The Woman Knows.

Here are some views: Much depends on whether a man's living is careful or careless. —Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M.P. (who is 79).

I learnt German at 57 and at 75 my voice will still fill the Albert Hall. Walking is one of my secrets. —Mr. Mr. Charles Coburn.

"A woman is at her best and prettiest at 35," said Miss Evelyn Laye. "By then she is brilliant, and for these reasons: she has reached years of discretion, she knows what she is talking about, and she has learnt how to dress. Her experience of life has taught her how to conduct herself."

"Mentally I should say a woman has reached her prime between 35 and 45."

"It is ridiculous to contemplate middle age at 30. Why, it's a suicidal thought."

## Value Of Cricket.

Jack Hobbs, the cricketer, who is forty-five, said: "It is not to say a man is middle-aged at thirty, at least as far as cricket is concerned. Some of the best cricketers the world has seen have not found their best form till their middle thirties."

"Perhaps cricket makes you feel young; at any rate, I never felt fatter and younger in my life than I do now."

"As regards one's mental prime, we always go on learning until we die."

## CRICKET NOTES.

## FURTHER MALAYAN ECHOES.

Last week I had a few kind words to say about certain Press criticisms in the F.M.S. papers. I sincerely hope that the authors of the letters in question may have seen what I wrote. It so happened that a few days ago I was privileged to see a bundle of cuttings sent up here by a member of the Malayan side. Most of the letters from these sporting gentlemen, in the bundle, had either been reprinted or summarized in the *Daily Press* a week or so ago. But I was intensely delighted to find that one gentleman—I use the word advisedly—had written a reasonably sane letter about things. I print this—

A letter from the *Singapore Free Press* of December 2nd, 1927. "Sir—Apart from the controversy as to whether the cricket team which recently played in Hong Kong was representative of Malaya or not, some of the remarks made by correspondents in your columns can only be described as most unsporting. One referred to 'an ignominious debacle' and another mentioned 'a disgrace on the fair name of Malaya.' The team was admittedly beaten, but there is no disgrace in defeat and the men who played might at least be spared insults. I am quite satisfied that they did their best, even if some of the hysterical arm chair critics who have rushed to print do not think so."

With regard to the suggestion that the team was a mere picnic party why shouldn't the team enjoy themselves after travelling 1,500 miles to play cricket? Are they expected to sit down with long faces in between the intervals of playing cricket. The correspondence has had too much flavour of 'sour grapes' and at that I will leave it.—Yours faithfully,

CRICKET.

I reckon that Mr. "Cricket" has spoken a mouthful. Not that I think really that anyone is worrying very much! It is your rotten sportsman who writes to the papers and complains! The decent fellow says—'Oh, to blazes with them,' and packs up.

The League: First Division. The Kowloon first eleven and the I.R.C. "A" are, as I have already suggested, the two strongest sides in the Senior League. The result of the game last Saturday was, as fully expected, a draw.

Kowloon bowling seemed to break down, entirely before what is admittedly a strong batting side. I did not see the game so I am simply guessing on the score when I suggest that it may have been the old Goodwin-Lyal complex that did them down. For a season and a half it has apparently been conventional that these two should go on and stop on—at least until they have bowled about ten overs apiece. It is a big mistake. Goodwin on form does not matter so much, as he either bowls well and he can bowl as well as anyone in the Colony or dashed badly. But Lyal is a different proposition. He is jolly useful—but he's just good enough not to get hit. So if there is a stand he bowls his soul out, and plays the good bats in. Then, when the indifferent batsmen come along, he's lost his devil. Whereas, if he came off—if he didn't get a wicket in (a) five overs or (b) after 2 overs from his last wicket, and if he was put on again when another wicket fell, I am absolutely convinced that he would be more successful. It is a good thing to have a stout heart. But one can have too much of a good thing. Why not put on a good bowler for one over, or two at most. Then put back your length bowler when the last six is still tingling in the batsman's wrists. Of course, it's no business of mine, but I am holding forth like a Dutch uncle because I know how good both Lyal and Goodwin can be.

The Kowloon batting was sound enough and I hear Ramsey's knock was a good one. But I don't think they ever had a chance to get the runs, and as a matter of fact a draw seemed likely from the start.

Civil Service v. C.R.C. I have seen it suggested that the Chinese were unlucky to lose this game—or rather to fail to win it. But, had not some bad catching on the Civil Service side allowed about 30 runs to be put on quickly at the end of the C.R.C. knock I rather think the home side might have done better. Their batting was infinitely more convincing than I have seen it for years. Yeoh was top scorer but the best innings was that of W. C. Hung, who played a stylish knock and really is a useful batsman who watches the ball well.

With 152 to get in an hour and a quarter the Civil Service went for the runs and Sayer, who by the way made 17 and not 8 as reported in the papers, was dropped off the first ball of Ng See Kwing's. Both Chang and Tsai Wat Pui went for it, and it was lucky that the resulting collision caused no damage. Evans was also dropped in this over. There was a curious catch made when Evans touched one of Hung's, and Chos failed to hold it in his hands but finally secured it between his pads. W. C. Hung bowled very well for a time and had the batsmen in trouble. Hamilton was badly dropped of this second ball from Hung, and taking heart of grace proceeded to go after the runs, using considerable force but little grace. However,

they all counted and until he tried to hit a yorker into the Jockey Club Stables it looked as if the Civil Service had a cat-in-hell chance of pulling off the game. Then, however, two more wickets fell rapidly and Ling and Edmonds played out time—which was not well calculated as there were two overs. I think, certainly one after 2.45 p.m. But it is very pleasant to see the Chinese side staging a come back like this.

## University Win.

The Varsity first did not do particularly well only to collect 125, and two run-outs in bad. They used to run beautifully between the wickets thanks to the tuition and example of Mr. Ponsonby-Fane—of whom I shall have more to say later. But the Gunners are not a good batting side and failed to drive home their advantage.

## Craigengower Checked.

The vagaries of the game were well illustrated by the result of the Craigengower and I.R.C. "B" side. Civil Service "trounced" Craigengower. A forfeit of course—but it wasn't for the Indians got going at least and drew the match. M. P. Madar is easily their best bat and I was glad to see he got 50. Hamilton is getting a lot of runs just now, but I doubt if he will come off against better bowling. If however he does he can bowl a bit off-awers but they swerve too early and I believe I am right in saying he is quite young. (Or should I say underly?)

## Second Division.

It looks as if my original suggestion that University II. won't be so far adrift after all. They beat Civil Service II.—though the latter made a gallant effort to get the runs—and then to save the match. They are a much improved side. The Varsity batting depends largely on W. M. Gittens I think and he is certainly one of the most useful bats in this league.

## Kowloon II. Successful.

The Hong Kong Electric side are having a bad time and it looks to me as if the volts wanted cleaning or the umpire screwing up. Drysdale (who seems to play for a lot of sides), Dand and Murray did what was necessary, and I have it on the very best authority that the side was most skilfully skippered by Mr. R. E. Lindell and that there is a movement on foot to present him with a purse of 80 cents. A suitable gift under the actual circumstances.

## The Aviary.

Navy II. won again—I was a bit defeated by the score sheet. For the police W. J. B. Sparrow was c and b Sparrow, and so for the Navy was Sparrow. It seems all wrong somehow. Dog doesn't eat dog. But possibly they manage these things differently in the air.

## Friends.

Recreio seem to have struck a bad patch for the very nearly lost to the Club Second which is a vastly improved team. But I have no doubt but that they will recover—they are a young side. The again ran up big scores against a rather weak R.A.F. side. Lee topped the century. They could not however get the Air Force out in time to win.

## Farewell Match To Mr. Ponsonby-Fane.

The match between two elevens on the University ground was arranged as a formal leave-taking. It was fully reported and I can only add my word to that of the chorus as regards the splendid work of Mr. Ponsonby-Fane has done at the University. He has, I suspect, a greater knowledge of the game than anyone in the Colony. As a player he was a very fine wicket-keeper in his early days and steadily refused to wear pads. He was one of the few men I have known who lived up to the I.Z. rule of not rubbing an injury. I will remember his keeping to me (nearly ten years ago when I was fairly fast) on a pitch of matting which was much too narrow. I pitched on right to the edge of a section and he was obviously half stunned but it was with the greatest difficulty that we got him to leave the field and rest for a bit. As a bat he had one of the most extraordinary styles I have ever seen. Often when playing back he would run his right hand half-way down the blade of the bat. And it was like bowling at a brick wall that hit you for four when in sheer desperation you bowled a full toss. He was by no means bad as a bowler but he wanted a lot of persuasion before he would go on. I think what apart from his courtesy is his patience. And this is why he is such a splendid coach. I trust it will not be long before we see him back in the Colony.

## A Merry Christmas.

And now it only remains to wish my readers a very merry Christmas. It falls this year on a Sunday but the Powers that Be have been very human and we have Monday and Tuesday for Cricket. The big game is the Club v. Army but I hear it rumoured that the Navy are playing Kowloon so there will be a bit of difficulty for everyone except the K.R. Tak and *Argus* fellows who I suppose can buzz round and watch both matches at once. Perhaps a morning will freshen one up a bit! Once more a Merry Christmas to all.

R. ABBIT.

## THE BATTLE OF THE BLUES.

## OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE AT THE H.K.C.C.

## ANOTHER OXFORD DEFEAT.

[By OXONIAN.]

Carrington critics may still say that Oxford is decadent, for undoubtedly Oxford have again been defeated, and badly defeated, by the other University. But no impartial spectator could tie that distasteful label to the energetic, though ineffective, fielding of the Dark Blues. Yet the fact remains that Cambridge won by a big margin, and for the perfectly natural reason that they had a far better team, both in batting, bowling and fielding, than their rivals.

## The Cambridge Innings.

Mr. Lindell won the toss for Cambridge, and after due consideration announced that they would bat. The innings was opened by Wallington and Wu to the bowling of Hollis and Sayer. Hollis was unable to keep his foot behind the bowling crease and was soon taken off.

Wallington played a very bright innings, hitting hard all round the wicket. The work statistical of the Oxford team announced that he was dropped 11 times, but that was Oxford's funeral, and Wallington was quite right to take advantage of it.

## Venn's Bowling.

From Oxford's point of view, there was no very outstanding incident until Venn took off the pads and began to bowl. Before that Forster, Hawkins and Wood had all tried their hands. Of the three Forster was the most successful, though he did not get a wicket. When Venn started to bowl at the Pavilion end, Wallington and Drysdale were quickly out, and Hamilton soon followed, protesting that the fields had rather talked him out than caught him out.

Dale was very nearly run out before he had scored. Afterwards he played a fine innings, hitting hard and often all round the wicket. Pendered backed him up until he was out to a masterly bit of strategy by Sayer, who moved Foster round to take a catch from the very next ball.

## The "Tail."

It should be a recognised fact that after the first five wickets have fallen, the remainder are members of the Oxford and Cambridge Society, of Hong Kong rather than active cricketers. On this understanding Hugh Jones did not play the game, for he scored fast and frequently all round the wicket. One shot which he hit right out of the ground over the "tail" screen was especially good. When he was finally stamped by Usher, Dale was still batting extremely well.

## Enough For The Light Blues.

At this point Cambridge declared with the score at 245 for 6 wickets, scored in 14 hours. The game was over, and the Light Blues were good for as many more but the score as it stood was quite enough. The Oxford folding was not good. Many catches were dropped, and though the ground fielding was less faulty, there were some glaring errors in this. Amongst the bowlers Venn was the only one who had any real success.

## Oxford's Reply.

Oxford opened well enough with Sayer and Venn to the bowling of Pendered and Hamilton. Hamilton was bowling well, and swinging rather late which seemed to puzzle the batsmen. Sayer, after an early life, was hitting hard and placing the ball well, and the score rose quite quickly to 38, when Venn mis-hit one and was taken quite easily by Dale, fielding close in at cover. Graham soon played all round one and was bowled by Dale and Wood, after a shaky start, seemed to have settled down well when Drysdale beat him.

## Better Cricket.

After the fall of the fourth wicket Usher and Hawkins came together and there seemed to be a chance of saving the game. All went well until Hamilton produced a Jacob's coat among cricket caps, a cap, to judge from comment of no significance, but of direct effect. Hawkins was proof against it, in fact he hit it wearing right up against the pavilion, and Forster, warded, or rather warded, off its influence. Upon the remaining Dark Blues its effect was disastrous. Hawkins played quite the best innings on the Oxford side. His hitting of the ball was extremely business-like, and his shots generally went where they were meant to go.

## In The Field.

Cambridge were a better fielding side than their opponents, and there were fewer chances missed. In their bowling they were far superior, and Dale's figures were very good, though his victims were mainly among the weaker brethren.

The Cambridge bowling was never really easy, while the Oxford bowling was rarely difficult, and even to the Light Blues were more capable of dealing with difficulties. There were half-hearted attempts from the pavilion, to appeal against the light, when Oxford had 20 minutes to go and only a wicket in hand, but these attempts never reached the middle, and the end came with 12 minutes in hand.

## SCORES.

## Cambridge.

H. G. Wallington (Downing),	51
c Sayer, b Venn	19
S. C. Wu (St. Catherine's),	13
b Sayer	10
Capt. J. Drysdale (Jesus),	10
c and b Venn	10
J. O. Dale (Christ), not out	58
E. W. Hamilton (Sidney	
Sussex), c Forster, b	
Venn	1
T. D. E. Pendered (Oxius),	17
c Forster, b Sayer	17
G. S. Hugh Jones (Selwyn),	40
st. Usher, b Sayer	40
Extras b. 6; lb. 1; w. 1;	
n.b. 5	18

Total (for 8 wickets, in-  
nings declared closed) 215

J. Burrow (Caius), F. Syme  
Thomson (Clare), R. E. Lind-  
sell (King's), and Y. S. Wan  
(King's) did not bat.

Fall of wickets—1-85; 2-129;  
3-139; 4-140; 5-100; 6-245.

## Bowling Analysis.

Hollis	0	18	0
Sayer	1	0	103
Forster	6	0	97
Hawkins	3	1	12
Wood	2	0	18
Venn	8	1	48

—Bowled 5 no balls.

—Bowled 1 wide.

## Oxford.

G. R. Sayer (Queen's), b	
Drysdale	39
R. T. Venn (Lincoln), c Dale,	
b Hamilton	10
H. I. Graham (Magdalen),	
b Dale	3
A. E. Wood (Univ.), b Drys-	
dale	13
F. S. C. Usher (Ch. Ch.), c	
Dale, b Hamilton	13
B. C. K. Hawkins (Hert-	
ford), b Wallington	39
R. H. Hollis (Worcester), c	
Lindsell, b Wallington	5
B. R. Forster (Univ.), not	
out	11
W. T. Featherstone (Mad-	
ham), c Wallington, b Dale	1
N. Evans (Queen's), st. Lind-	
sell, b Dale	4
E. I. Wynne Jones (Jesus),	
lb.w., b Dale	0
Extras: b. 8	8

Total  
Fall of wickets—1-36; 2-50;  
3-58; 4-75; 5-101; 6-119; 7-134;  
8-135; 9-139; 10-146.

## Bowling Analysis.

Pendered	0	5	27	0
Hamilton	10	0	46	2
Dale	7	1	0	27
Drysdale	8	1	18	2
Wallington	1	1	18	2

—Bowled 1 wide.

Umpires—R. Phillips (Queen's,  
Oxford); F. H. T. Traves  
(Caius, Cambridge).

Scored—H. C. Lee, (B.N.C. Ox-  
ford).

## KOWLOON C.C. v. H.M.S. "ARGUS."

## HIGH SCORES.

In a delightful match yesterday the Kowloon Cricket Club drew with the H.M.S. *Argus* on their ground. Fast scoring was the feature of the match and the naval men who batted first made 205 runs in one hour and ten minutes, declaring for 4 wickets. Sergt. Lugg was the principal contributor, carrying his bat for 80 runs, which included eleven 4's and a 6. With Lieut. Cecil, who made 85, he brought the score from 8 runs to 141 for the second wicket partnership. Kowloon replied with 164 runs for the loss of 8 wickets when status were drawn. Pay-Lt. Cecil, A. P. Shaw played a delightful innings of 74, not out, scoring thirteen 4's.

## Scores.

## H.M.S. "Argus."

Lt.-Cdr. J. F. W. Hawkins, b	
Murray	0
Sergt. Lugg, not out	89
Lt. R. Cecil, st. Bevis, b	
Murray	65
Lt. L. B. A. Majendie, c	
Lyal, b Murray	5
Rev. E. S. Wat, not out	0
Lt. A. C. J. W. H. Tanley, not	
out	28
Extras	11

Total (for 6 wickets), 205

Lt.-Cdr. H. J. Moore, Surg-  
Cdr. H. M. Langdale, Lt.-Cdr.  
A. T. Thomson, Tel. H. G.  
Wood and Lt. F. O. P. Price  
did not bat.

## Bowling Analysis.

Lyal	0	1	51	0
Murray	9	0	51	2
Reekes	3	0	12	0
Boss	4	0	28	0

Haygreaves

Brown 5 0 25 0

Gorvin 4 0 24 0

Buxton 1 0 9 0

—Bowled 1 wide.

## Kowloon C.C.

Rev. Murray, lb.w., b	
Woods	12
Capt. F. G. Bevis, b Woods	5
Pay-Lt.-Cdr. A. P. Shaw, not	
out	74
C. Lyal, b Lugg	9
W. J. F. Gorvin, run out	37
A. G. Hall, b Woods	0
H. T. Buxton, c Tanley, b	
Woods	21
Extras	7

Total (for 6 wickets), 164

J. G. Reekes, A. H. Hargreaves,  
Brown, N. H. Ross and R.  
B. Morton did not bat.

## Bowling Analysis.

Thompson	0	1	31	0
Woods	11	0	46	4
Tanley	9	0	54	0
Lugg	3	0	28	1

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Canton fared with further trouble and the course of the vitally important negotiations between the leaders of the Kwangsi and Kwangtung parties are reported. The steady advance of the Kwangsi army, who look to General Li Tsai Hsin, the former military governor is also described.

Hong Kong merchants at once responded to Canton's appeal for relief measures. Unfortunately the present state of tension, and the lack of any responsible relief organisation have prevented effective measures for the assistance of sufferers.

Refugees have poured into the Colony daily from the sheltered City, but rigorous police measures have combed out most of the undesirables.

Important news from the Shanghai area is the decision of the Nanking Government to close all Soviet Consulates and to expel the Russian officials. Hankow has seen a great uprising against the Reds, but labour troubles continue in Shanghai.

In Hong Kong the social event of the Week has been the marriage of the eldest daughter of Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewell, a function attended by leaders of all sections of the Community.

The Courts have been busy and examination in Bankruptcy of Mr. Fung Tat Hang, caterer to the Hong Kong Hotel was followed by several cases of interest and importance at the Criminal sessions.

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## TENNIS.

### THE DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL v. R.A.F. (KAI TACK).

This match was played on the School Tennis Court on Tuesday and resulted in a win for the School by 3 games to 2.

The scores were:—  
Lee Ian Pit and Wong Cheong-  
Kee (D.B.S.) ..... 11-0  
beat Chandler and Avery ..... 11-0  
v. Morris and Smith (did not play) ..... 10-1  
beat Edgar and Spenser ..... 10-1

Ma Chiu Chong and F. Shiu-  
Shiu (D.B.S.) ..... 11-0  
beat Chandler and Avery ..... 11-0  
v. Morris and Smith ..... 10-1  
beat Fyrrar and Spenser ..... 11-0

J. A. Fisher and Mr. T. S. W. Chan ..... 32-1  
beat Chandler and Avery ..... 11-0  
beat Morris and Smith ..... 11-0  
beat Fyrrar and Spenser ..... 11-0

Total: D.B.S. 36; R.A.F. 2.

## FOOTBALL.

### THE DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL v. R.A.F. (KAI TACK).

This match was played on the School ground on Monday and resulted in a win for the School by four goals to three.

KOWLOON F.C. v. H.M.S. "HAWKINS."

The following have been selected to play in a friendly game with a team from H.M.S. "Hawkins" tomorrow (Saturday), at the Kowloon ground. Kick-off at 4 p.m.

Kowloon F.C.:—Angus; Wheeler, Dodsbon; Guest, Duncan, Hadley; Pile, May, Vickars, Tiernan, Miles.

KOWLOON 2ND XI. v. CHINESE ATHLETIC.

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon 2nd XI. in their League match v. the Chinese Athletic on Saturday at the Kowloon ground. Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.:—Slipper; Bliss, Pasco; Blacklock, Skinner, Dunnett; Coates, Clark, Spary, Muir, Eastman. Reserves: Roberts and Nicholls.

### HONG KONG C.C. v. THE ARMY.

This game takes place on the Hong Kong C.C. ground on Monday starting at 11 a.m.

H.K.C.C.:—R. E. Hancock (captain), D. W. Hayward, T. E. Pearce, D. W. Leach, O. More, C. D. Wales, H. V. Parker, G. E. Sayer, B. D. Evans, J. A. Summers and E. W. Hamilton.

## HONG KONG C.C.

The "Married" v. "Singles" match between members of the Hong Kong C.C. takes place tomorrow afternoon.

Married:—R. Hancock, T. E. Pearce, A. W. Hayward, D. W. Leach, H. Griffin, J. Norrie Owen, C. P. James, A. N. Evers, F. Syme Thompson, A. H. Gillingham, and J. E. Hancock.

Singles:—J. E. Hinton, J. A. Summers, E. R. West, C. D. Wales, G. P. Lammey, G. H. Richard, H. J. Armstrong, Alan Reid, R. Forster and A. N. Othor.

## GREYHOUNDS FOR SHANGHAI.

FIRST CONSIGNMENT HERE TO-DAY.

The first consignment of Greyhounds for the Far East are arriving here to-day.

The *Glenogle* is due to arrive this morning from Home, and on board are 75 greyhounds, consigned, it is understood to Shanghai, for the Greyhound Association.

The *Glenogle* leaves for Shanghai tomorrow morning.

## SQUASH RACQUETS.

THE PRINCE LOSES IN SEMI-FINAL.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Dec. 21st.  
The Prince of Wales, who yesterday beat Lieut. Comdr. Kershaw in the second round of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines squash rackets championship, was defeated in the semi-final to-day by Surgeon-Commander Mackenzie. It was a fiercely contested game, but Mackenzie won in three straight sets.

## ROWING.

### HORNELL CUP RACE TO-MORROW.

The annual race for the Hornell Cup between the local Hong Kong Yacht Club over a mile course, tomorrow (Saturday) at 3.30 p.m.

This cup was presented by Mr. E. B. C. Hornell, to the Club in 1925, the first winners being the Public Works Department, last season's race resulting in a dead-heat between the A.P.C. and P.W.D. To-morrow's race will be full of interest, being contested between the A.P.C., B. & S. and the H.K. Electric crews. There will also be a Club Fours race for those unable to row in a Hong crew.

For the convenience of those wishing to see the races, launches will leave Statue Pier for the Yacht Club at 2.45 p.m.

The following crews are entered for the Hornell Cup:

A.P.C.: G. T. May (Bow), W. M. Lyons (2), L. A. R. Duncan (3), R. M. Jack (Str.), R. Young (Cox).

B. & S.: J. C. M. Smith (Bow), R. J. Carter (2), O. Moor (3), J. D. A. Crawford (Str.), Mackay (Cox).

H.K. Electric: R. W. Smith (Bow), M. H. Arnold (2), G. T. Padgett (3), G. G. Stopani-Thomson (Str.), F. Normington (Cox).

## THE MACAO RACE.

The Yacht Club's annual race to Macao takes place on Monday, Boxing Day.

## SPORT AND DANCING AT CRAIGENGOWER.

### THE XMAS PROGRAMME.

An attractive programme has been arranged by the Craigengower Cricket Club for the Christmas holidays.

On December 26th (Boxing Day) a cricket match will be played between "Married" and "Single." At the close of the game the presentation of prizes won in the various Club tournaments during the season will take place. This will be followed by a Tea Dance from 6 to 9 p.m. This is a popular social event at which members and their friends derive much enjoyment every year.

Saturday night, December 31st, is reserved for the President's Dance.

## JILTED GIRL'S REVENGE.

POSTCARD TORMENT FOR A FAITHLESS LOVER.

MILAN.

It is not possible to sue a man for breach of promise in Italy when the girl's feelings only have suffered, but there are other ways of punishing the man, as a woman, now thirty-six years of age, has punished the soldier who captured her affections during the war. He wrote her impassioned love-letters, and the course of true love ran smoothly until two years ago, when the man found that his feelings had changed and the engagement was broken off.

The inconstant man's name is Theodore Boschetti, and he believed that the word *finis* had been placed to his sentimental episode with a girl named Esther, until he received a postcard which he had himself sent to Esther during the war, and on which he had written: "The thought of thee lovingly waiting for me is my only consolation. I send thee ardent kisses—Thy Theodore." The card had been redirected by means of a slip of paper pasted on one part of it.

Jealousy. Although it was annoying to think that the postman, the janitor of his flat, and his servant must have read this silly effusion, Signor Boschetti appeared to take no notice, even when the first card was followed by others of the same nature.

Sometimes a few unflattering words in Esther's handwriting were inserted between the lines, "Coward!" or "Villain!"

Signor Boschetti's patience came to an end with the arrival of the seventeenth postcard, with loving words in his own handwriting, and unloving words added by Esther's hand. He must have felt astonished at the warmth of that now extinguished fire.

Esther's hatred, he had reason to believe, was animated by jealousy, and he had recourse to the law, that last resort of the prudent citizen. Esther, who has asked that her surname should not be disclosed in the Press, has pleaded guilty to writing defamatory words to her old sweetheart, but the case has not yet been heard in court.

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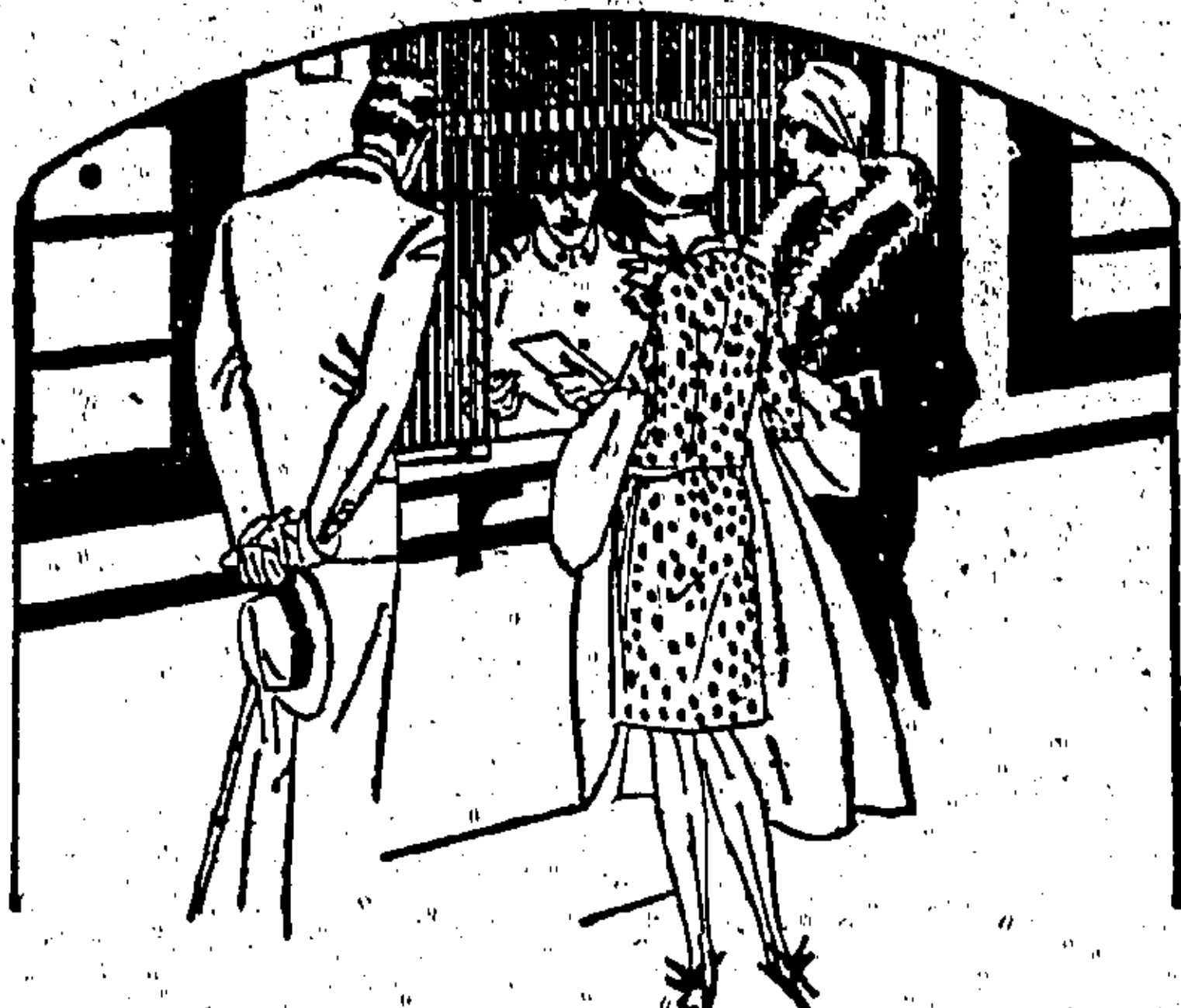
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## ENGLAND'S RECUPERATIVE POWER.

OUTLOOK BRIGHTER THAN ALMOST AT ANY TIME  
SINCE CONCLUSION OF THE WAR.

[BY HARTLEY WITHERS.]

Once more we are witnessing an exhibition of the unreasoning obstinacy of the corpse of British trade. It is always being wept over and having funeral sermons preached about it, and then just when all the preparations for the solemn interment are complete, it insists on sitting up and taking a little nourishment and otherwise behaving in a manner that is quite unsuited to the occasion.

Some of us, like myself, are old enough to remember the depression of the eighties of last century, when we were solemnly assured that we should live to see grass growing in the streets of Manchester, and to have heard Mr. Joseph Chamberlain announcing the early demise of our dying industries in the years after the South African war, and all the intermediate undertone of Jeremiah in which Britain's home and foreign critics have proclaimed, in spite of periodical recoveries which seemed to show surprising elasticity on the part of the patient, the decadence of the British character and the early collapse of a prosperity which, in so far as it was not fictitious, was largely the gift of good luck. Such old stagers have had plenty of ground for the belief that all is not yet over with England and that she would once more disappoint her critics. After all, for a dying country she did do something during the war, when she was called on not only to finance herself and her Allies and keep the seas open to traffic, but also to create, train and equip an army on a continental scale which had not been dreamt of in the original programme.

### After War Problems.

After that, the after-war difficulties, gigantic as they were to a country that is so dependent on external trade, and terribly as they have been increased by internal industrial strife, did not seem to be altogether insurmountable. Because, just as we did our war job in spite of incredible waste of money and effort, by means of a certain commonsense adaptability that has never failed us yet, so it was evident that for the purposes of peace there were so many things that obviously wanted doing, that the country had a big margin to pull at, whenever it was compelled by sheer economic force to cut away dead wood and reorganize for the great game of international trade. And now, the symptoms of recovery are beginning to multiply. On the last day of October the Times contained not only a statement from the quarterly trade forecast of the Federation of British Industries to the effect that the outlook for British trade for next year was brighter than it has been at almost any time since the conclusion of the war, but also a summary of an article by the London correspondent of the Frankfurter Zeitung, indicating that England is going to be saved again, this time by the grace of the sporting instinct. Her Kitchener believes the "playing attitude" is reasserting itself in every grade of English society, that there is a possibility of a new Renaissance in England, and that the stimulus to self-realization, the "productive tendency of the playing attitude" is undoubtedly genuine, spontaneous and strong.

### What The Future Offers.

This interesting but rather fanciful suggestion is supported by the more experienced evidence of Mr. Sidney Webb, who told the House of Commons at the end of last session that what amounts to a second industrial revolution is going on in England through the movement of her industries from the North to the Midlands and South. But the outstanding fact in the industrial position of England is the change of sentiment among the leaders of organized Labour, exemplified by a recent statement by Mr. Robert Williams, who was once regarded as a firebrand, that "the era of effective strikes has passed." If this invitation to start a new era in British industry is accepted by the employers and if they are ready to carry out the work of reorganization that is needed to make the new spirit effective, the opportunity for revival and achievement that will beat all records of British prosperity is certainly in sight. Some even of those who have been most critical on British monetary policy in the last few years admit now that the alleged effects of the return to the gold standard have finished their work and need no longer be feared. With Continental currencies stabilized and industrial peace at home another day is ready to dawn for England's industry, if its organizers will open the curtains and let in the sunshine.

Will they do it? They have been so much abused and criticized lately that an American visitor, himself an industrialist, who studied their psychology described them as suffering from an "inferiority complex." One of the latest pictures is drawn by Mr. Seymour Leslie in a clever novel called "The Silent Queen." In this book the typical American employer is drawn—quiet, alert, impetuous, subject to outbursts of visionary idealism at times when somebody is trying to pump him about questions of business; while the English industrialist, characterized, he called, "to be a fool, a fool, a fool about with after war problems, buying unprofitable plant from the American, bluffed all round the market by Continental colleagues and weltering in a sea of trouble that his own incapacity has invited to submerge him."

Well, these artists in words sometimes get effects of light and shade at the expense of accuracy of detail and if the romancers of other lands are to be believed, the "Pook" qualities are by no means British monopoly; and the American visitor who found the inferiority complex among British organizers concluded, not that it was going to depress and maim them, but that it would spur them to active and successful effort.

### SHIPPING NOTES.

Booty amounting to \$8,000, was taken by twenty pirates who boarded the s.s. *Mou Lee* last week in the Canton river. After ransacking the *Mou Lee*, the pirates made good their escape.

The s.s. *Haldia* was taken in hand for overhaul at the Taikoo Dock on Wednesday morning.

"Empress of Australia" On February 10th.

The Canadian Pacific Ocean liner *Empress of Australia* is due to arrive at Hong Kong on her round-the-world cruise on February 10th, and after three days' sightseeing, will leave for Shanghai on February 13th, and from there will go to Chinwangtao, where her passengers will disembark and board a special train which will take them to Peking, where they will stay for four and a half days sightseeing.

The party will visit Japan, Honolulu, San Francisco, Balboa, Ancon, Panama City, Old Panama, New York, and then Cherbourg the voyage being terminated at Southampton.

The *Empress of Australia*, which is well known to many travellers to and from the Orient, has been re-engined and refitted on the Clyde. She sailed from New York on December 2nd.

### CHRISTMAS EXCURSION.

During the Christmas holiday, excursions will be run to Macao by the Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, by the s.s. *Sui An* and *Sui Tai*. Sailings will be from Hong Kong at 9 a.m. on Sunday and at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday. Return sailings from Macao will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday and 2 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday. Special breakfast, tiffin and dinner will be served on board at moderate prices.

### 10-MILES LONG ICEBERG.

AND SOME 1,000 FT. HIGH.

A spectacular sight is afforded just now to navigators through the Straits of Magellan owing to the unusually large number of icebergs. They are in such numbers as to endanger navigation.

On arrival at Sandy Point the captain of the Pacific Steam Navigation Company's steamer *Orion* informed the port authorities that during the passage of the straits (300 miles) he encountered 30 icebergs, one of which was 10 miles long.

Never before have so many and so large icebergs been seen in the straits. Their existence is attributed to the recent severe storms at Cape Horn. Some of the bergs loom up 1,000 feet above the sea.

The Straits of Magellan, which take their name from the Portuguese navigator Magalhães, who discovered them in 1520, divide the South American continent from the islands of Tierra del Fuego. The straits are 2,500 miles from the South Pole.

### SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG.

FOR DECEMBER, 1927.

STANDARD TIME OF THE 120th MERIDIAN, EAST OF GREENWICH.

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
December 23rd	6.59 a.m.	5.44 p.m.
24th	7.00	5.45
25th	7.00	5.46
26th	7.00	5.46
27th	7.01	5.47
28th	7.01	5.47
29th	7.02	5.48
30th	7.02	5.48
31st	7.03	5.49

## CHINA UNDERWRITERS.

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION ALTERED.

At the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon, before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) Mr. H. G. Sheldon, and Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, junior, appeared in respect of an application on behalf of the China Underwriters, Ltd.

Mr. Sheldon made an application to conform with the alteration to the Company's objects, which it is proposed should be effected by a special resolution, or such order as the Court might think just.

This special resolution was duly passed and confirmed at an extraordinary general meeting of the Company held on November 21st and December 8th, this year, respectively.

The resolution was that the provision of the Company's Memorandum of Association with respect to its object be altered so as to read as shown in the print and signed for the purpose of identification by the Chairman of the meeting.

The Company's office is at St. George's Building. It was incorporated in 1924. The capital of the Company is \$5,000,000; dividend into 500,000 shares of \$10 each of which 250,000 shares have been issued and paid up to the extent of \$3 per share.

The proposed alterations are required in order to enable it to carry on its business more economically and more efficiently.

The application was granted.

### SHANGHAI'S WOMAN

BANDIT.

### PISTOL UNDER HER PILLOW.

A Chinese woman, of remarkable daring ferocity, and so tough that she sleeps with an automatic pistol under her pillow, has sprung into the limelight of the criminal world in Shanghai.

The Municipal Police have been looking for her for some time on suspicion of being involved in armed robberies. They traced her to a house in the French Concession when, on their request, she was arrested by the French Police.

A squad of police in charge of Detective-Sergeant Croesi, of the French Police, visited her home at 10.30 p.m., and they took her by surprise, arresting her without any trouble.

The woman was sleeping soundly when the police entered the room, and when a search was made one of the latest models of automatic pistols loaded with 9 rounds of ammunition was found under her pillow. She has been handed over to the Municipal Police.—*Shanghai Times*.

### MOTOR LINERS FOR EASTERN SERVICE.

There appears to be no doubt regarding the advantages to be gained by the employment of internal-combustion machinery in liners trading to the Far East. The Rotterdam Lloyd built a motor liner, the *Indrapera*, for their Dutch East Indies service, and followed it by ordering a second larger and higher-powered ship which will be commissioned in December. The Netherlands Steamship Co. placed a big oil-engined liner on the same route last year, and this will be followed by a larger ship before the beginning of 1929, whilst an order is about to be placed for another and even bigger motor ship. The Bibby Line built two 10,000-ton liners for Indian service, and have now ordered a third. None of these owners have constructed any steam-driven liners for the Eastern run since placing their first motor ship in service.

It will be interesting to observe for how long the P. and O. Line will refuse to take advantage of the undoubted economy of the oil engine for their ships trading to India. Fuel and Diesel oil cost practically the same on the Eastern run, and, of course, all the new liners are fitted for oil firing. The result is that every new steam-driven liner placed in service is consuming between 50 and 100 per cent. more fuel than would be necessary were oil engines used instead of steam plants. When it is realized that this goes on day after day for at least 20 years and that it represents anything between 40 tons and 80 tons of oil at 23 p.m. every 24 hours, it will be understood that there are still opportunities for the further conservation of our fuel resources and for the more economical and efficient operation of some of our shipping fleets.—*The Motor Ship*.

## THE "S-4" DISASTER.

LINE TORN AWAY BY GALES.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

PRINCE TOWN, Dec. 21st.

The submarine S-4 was lost. A line attached to the ship was torn away by the fierce gales, and the two divers who were lowered to-day failed to find the vessel.

LATER.

The wreck of the submarine S-4 has been found. An attempt is to be made to drill a hole in the hull through which an air line can be inserted.

### WHAT U.S. MARITIME EXCHANGE ALLEGES.

SHIPPING ALLEGATION.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 21st.

The Maritime Exchange has recently memorialized President Coolidge, alleging that Britain, Canada and Australia are discriminating against American shipping, and urging American retaliation.

An instance is quoted in which Canada required that cargoes to Canada must be forwarded via Canadian ports in order to obtain preferential duties, and the memorialists have also referred to an arrangement whereby cattle shipped from the United States via Canada might remain in England for fattening before slaughter whereas cattle sent from the United States direct had to be slaughtered immediately they arrived.

It is also alleged that there are Australian preferences given to merchandise from the Pacific ports of Canada over the goods imported from American Pacific ports.

### TROOPS' CHRISTMAS.

Y.M.C.A. APPEAL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 21st.

The Y.M.C.A. is appealing for funds for special Christmas festivities for British troops abroad, including those at Shanghai, Hong Kong and Weihaiwei.

A sum of 2400 has so far been contributed but much more is required.

### SAIGON TO PARIS.

FLIGHT CONCLUDED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, Dec. 21st.

The airmen Challe and Rapin have completed their return flight from Saigon.

### PERUVIAN LOAN.

QUICKLY SUBSCRIBED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 21st.

The Peruvian loan was quickly taken up. Only \$10,000 (?) was allotted to Europe, principally to London.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, December 22nd.	Previous On Date	On Date
Day	at 2 p.m.	at 6 a.m.
Barometer...	30.02	30.01
Temperature...	68	66
Humidity...	72	91
Wind...	E	Cal
Direction...	E	Cal
Force...	0	0
Weather...	0.00	0.00
Rain...	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature, 21st: 68

Lowest open-air Temperature, 22nd: 65

B-Blue sky; C-Cloudy; D-Drizzle; F-Fog; L-Lightning;

M-Mist; O-Overcast; P-Passing showers; Q-Squalls; R-Rain; T-Thunder.

### HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From December 23rd to 29th, 1927.

Day	High Water	Low Water
Day	Time	Time
Fri. 23	h. m. 9 27	h. m. 3 23
Sat. 24	h. m. 8 17	h. m. 2 53
Sun. 25	h. m. 7 09	h. m. 2 24
Mon. 26	h. m. 6 01	h. m. 1 55
Tue. 27	h. m. 4 53	h. m. 1 26
Wed. 28	h. m. 3 45	h. m. 0 57
Thur. 29	h. m. 2 37	h. m. 0 28

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Optional Cargo will not be landed here, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the Free Storage period. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 30th December, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 15th January, 1928, or they will not be recognized.

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

21st December, 1927. [5681]

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No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godown for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Anderson & Ash at 10 a.m. on the 22nd of December, 1927.

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HOHONG, PAKHOI & TIENTSIN	"HUPH" ... On 24th Dec.	Noon
SHANGHAI, TSINGTAO & SOOCHOW	"BOOHOW" ... On 25th Dec.	6 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANHUT" ... On 26th Dec.	7 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & DALNY	"LUOHOW" ... On 26th Dec.	8 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KAYING" ... On 26th Dec.	10 a.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SHANTUNG" ... On 26th Dec.	5 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"OHENAN" ... On 26th Dec.	8 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SUIYANG" ... On 31st Dec.	6 a.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"HUIOH" ... On 31st Dec.	7 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANKING" ... On 1st Jan.	7 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KALGAN" ... On 1st Jan.	10 a.m.
HOHONG, PAKHOI & TIENTSIN	"TEAN" ... On 1st Jan.	Noon
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & DALNY	"LIANGHOU" ... On 2nd Jan.	8 a.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SINKIANG" ... On 2nd Jan.	5 p.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KWEIYANG" ... On 3rd Jan.	8 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"CHUSAN" ... On 5th Jan.	8 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SZCHUEN" ... On 7th Jan.	8 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANTUNG" ... On 8th Jan.	7 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGHOU" ... On 8th Jan.	10 a.m.

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## ARRIVALS.

December 31st.

*Archer*, American str., 7,616 tons, Capt. Walter Salfeldt, from New York and Cebu. The latter port she left on December 16th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A52—American Mail Line.

*Ho Sang*, British str., 3,283 tons, Capt. W. Fild Hook, from Kobe, which port she left on December 15th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

*Kueichow*, British str., 1,220 tons, Capt. J. Beck, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C34—B. & S.

*Limchow*, French str., 1,418 tons, Capt. P. B. Morganti, from Hoilow, with coal, rice and general cargo, lying at buoy No. C48—Sing Kee Co.

*Lushan Maru*, Japanese str., 1,507 tons, Capt. T. Yasukawa, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C44—N.Y.K.

*Solviken*, Norwegian str., 1,430 tons, Capt. A. Norvald, from Bangkok, which port she left on December 12th, with rice and general cargo, lying at buoy No. C37—Fau Yuen Hong.

*Tai Poo Sek*, French str., 1,319 tons, Capt. P. Maternati, from Port Bayard, with general cargo and pigs, lying at buoy No. C42—Shun Cheong S.S. Co.

*Tsurigisan Maru*, Japanese str., 1,860 tons, Capt. H. Harada, from Dairen, which port she left on December 15th, with coal and beans, lying at buoy No. 854—Kumao & Co.

December 2nd.

*Bingo Maru*, Japanese str., 2,723 tons, Capt. T. Mambu, from Moji, which port she left on December 17th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—O.S.K.

*Hydrangea*, British str., 561 tons, Capt. T. H. Ball, from Swatow, with 310 tons of general cargo, lying at Chiu On Wharf—Chiu On S.S. Co.

*Kaigo Maru*, Japanese str., 1,193 tons, Capt. Y. Okura, from Keelung via Amoy and Swatow, with 750 tons of general cargo, lying at O.S.K. Wharf—O.S.K.

*Soochow*, British str., 1,594 tons, Capt. L. Jenkins, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12—B. & S.

*Yatshing*, British str., 1,424 tons, Capt. J. G. Hodgson, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at West Point Wharf—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

## CLEARANCES.

December 2nd.

*Bingo Maru*, for Singapore.

*Borneo Maru*, for Singapore.

*Tak Hing*, for Macao.

*Hanoi*, for Kwong Chow Wan.

*Havrot*, for Bangkok.

*Kueichow*, for Weihaiwei.

*Luchow*, for Canton.

*Lushan Maru*, for Swatow.

*Maud*, for Hongay.

*Rikyo Maru*, for Moji.

*Seistan*, for Singapore.

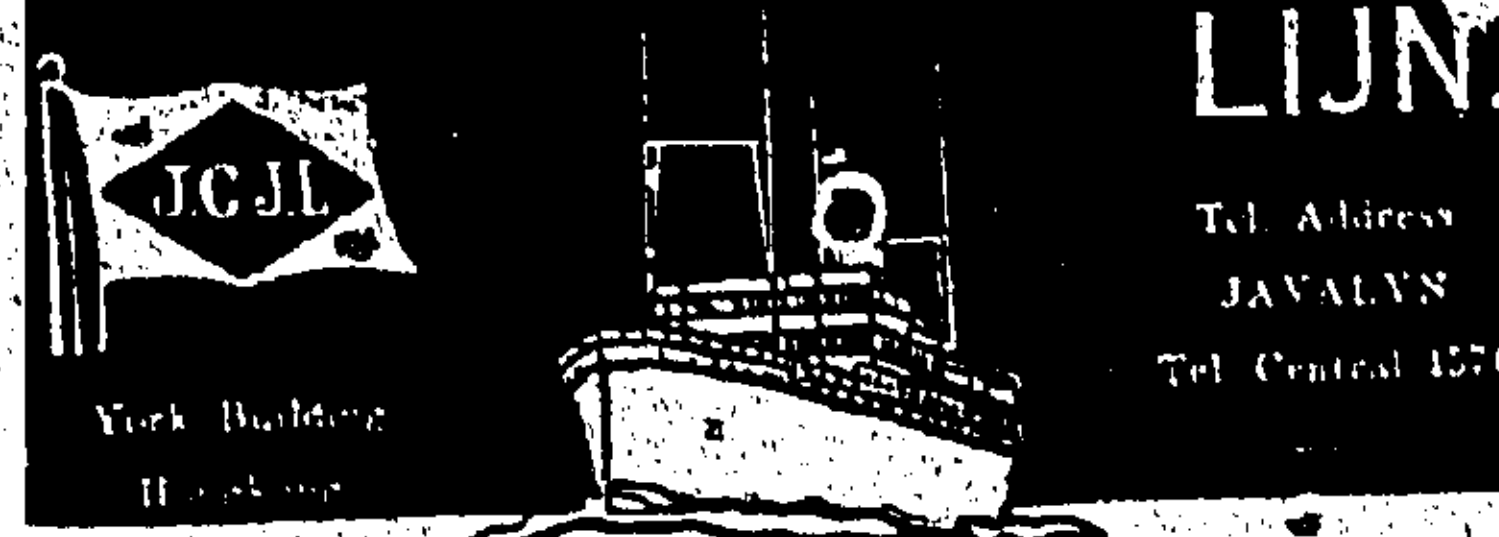
*Song Ho*, for Haiphong.

*Soochow*, for Canton.

*Tanjer*, for Canton.

*Tai Shing*, for Canton.

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TJIKEMBANG	SEAL, K'UNG, & AMOT	24th "	25th "	BATAVIA
TJIKIN	JAVA, MACASSAR & AMOT	2nd Jan.	4th Jan.	AMOT & SANGOR
TJIKAROA	N. O. & AMOT	2nd "	4th "	AMOT, SEAL, K'UNG.
TJIMANOR	SEAL, K'UNG.	5th "	7th "	BATAVIA
TJIKAROA	JAVA, MACASSAR	9th "	11th "	AMOT & N. CHINA
TJISALAK	N. O. & AMOT	16th "	17th "	BATAVIA
TJISONDARI	SEAL, K'UNG.	16th "	17th "	AMOT, SEAL, K'UNG.
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S.S. "Kina"	...	17th January
M.S. "Java"	23rd January	29th February
M.S. "Australia"	15th February	25th March
M.S. "Asia"	21st February	1st April

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## WARSHIPS IN PORT.

Warships and auxiliaries in port yesterday were:—

North Wall Basin, *Carlisle*, *Francis*, *South Wall Basin*, *Stormcloud*, *Sterling*, *Cicula*; East Wall Basin, *S/Ms. L. 1, L. 19, L. 27*; North Arm, *Argus*, *Khark*; West Wall Dock, *Havkins*; In Dock, *Wolverine*, *Moorehen*, *Faulknor*; Oil Fuel Jetty, *Belgo*; No. 2 Buoy, *Magnolia*; No. 3 Buoy, *Hollyhook*; No. 4 Buoy, *Herold*; No. 5 Buoy, *Irquoit*; No. 6 Buoy, *Margaret*; No. 7 Buoy, *Titanic*; S/Ms. *L. 2, L. 4, L. 12, L. 20*; No. 8 Buoy, *Ambrase*; S/Ms. *L. 1, L. 3, L. 15*; No. 10 Buoy, *Scraph*, *Sepoy*; No. 11 Buoy, *Serapis*, *Sirdar*; No. 12 Buoy, *Thraian*; No. 13 Buoy, *Bruce*; No. 37 Buoy, *Ruthenia*; No. 428 Buoy, *Portol*, *War Bharata*.  
 Foreign Men of War:—French, *Jules Michelet*; U.S.S. *Sacramento*; French, *Argus*.

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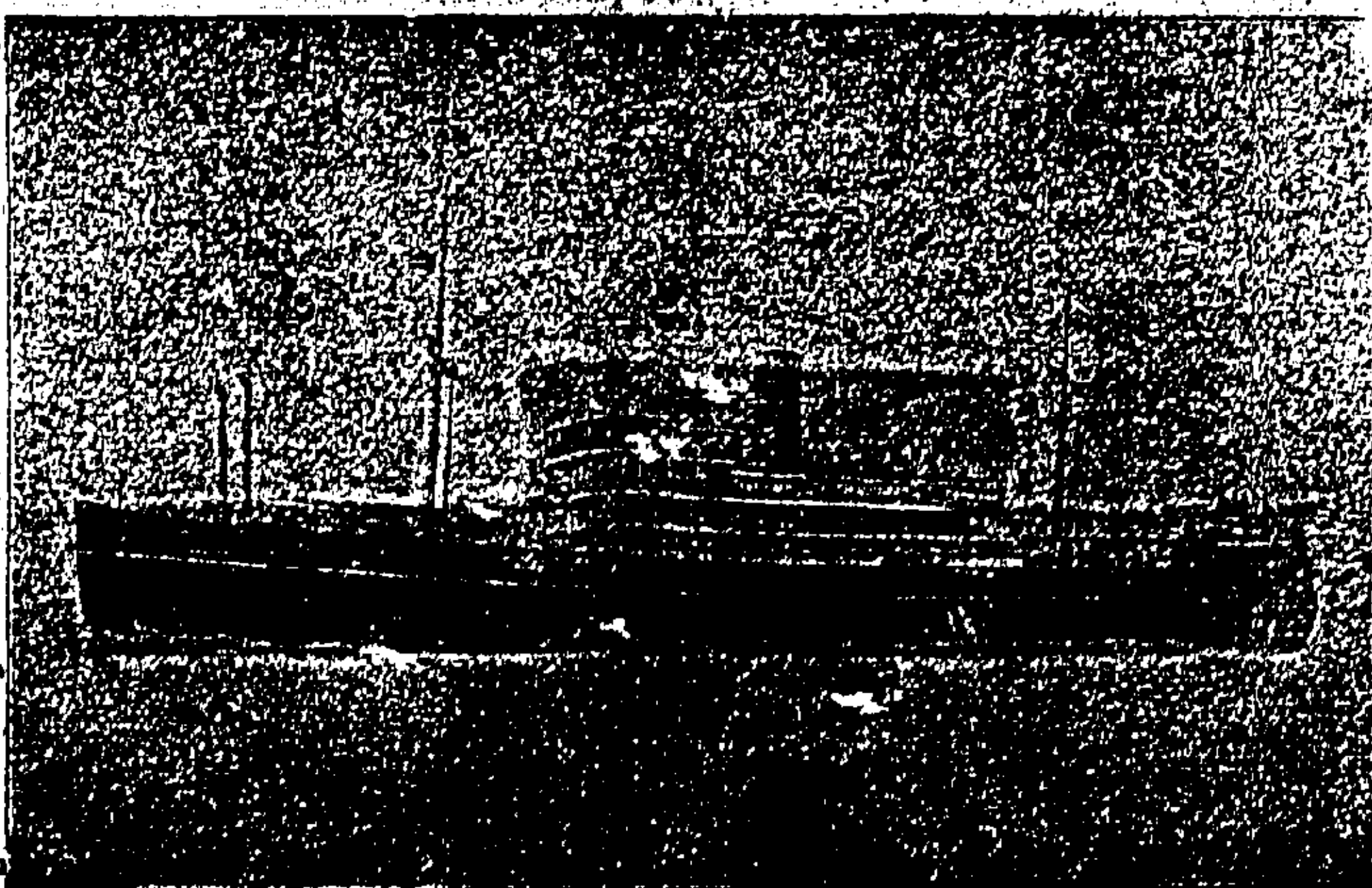
A scheme for training boys of 15 to become cooks and chefs in its liners has been started by the Cunard Company. It is hoped to attract public school boys.

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To	STEAMSHIP	DATE
TSINGTAO via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"WAISHING" ... Sun., 26th Dec., at 7 a.m.	
	"YATSHING" ... Tues., 27th Dec., at 7 a.m.	
	"FOOSHING" ... Sun., 1st Jan., at 7 a.m.	
	"KWONGSANG" ... Wed., 4th Jan., at 7 a.m.	
TIENTSIN	"CHIPSHING" ... Fri., 30th Dec., at 5 p.m.	
KOBE via AMOI, MOJI & YOKOHAMA	"KUMSANG" ... Sun., 25th Dec., at 7 a.m.	
OSAKA via AMOI, SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	"NAMSANG" ... Sun., 8th Jan., at 7 a.m.	
OSAKA via AMOI, MOJI & KOBE	"KUTSANG" ... Wed., 16th Jan., at 7 a.m.	
CANTON	"YATSHING" ... Fri., 23rd Dec., at 5 a.m.	
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"FOOKSANG" ... Sun., 1st Jan., at 8 p.m.	
	"HOSANG" ... Wed., 11th Jan., at 3 p.m.	
SANDAKAN	"HINSANG" ... Sat., 30th Dec., at 11 a.m.	
	"SUISANG" ... Tues., 27th Dec., at 3 p.m.	
	"MAUSANG" ... Wed., 4th Jan., at 3 p.m.	

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Motor Vessel "GLENAMOIY"	(via Oran)	2nd March, "
Steamship "GLENSANDA"	(via Oran)	7th March, "

To SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA & VLADIVOSTOK.

Motor Vessel "GLENOGLE"	...	24th December
Motor Vessel "GLENAMOIY"	...	21st January, 1928
Steamship "GLENSANDA"	...	27th January, "
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S.S. "DERFFLINGER"	...	14th Jan., 1928.
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S.S. "COBLENZ"	14th Feb., "	10th Mar., "

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TAIYO MARU ... .. Tuesday, 10th Jan. 1928.  
 TENYO MARU ... .. Sunday, 29th Jan. "

LONDON via Singapore, Suez, Marseilles &amp; Ports.

HAKUSAN MARU ... .. Saturday, 31st Dec.  
 KITANO MARU ... .. Saturday, 14th Jan. 1928.  
 HARUNA MARU ... .. Saturday, 28th Jan.

SYDNEY &amp; MELBOURNE via Manila &amp; Ports.

AKI MARU ... .. Wednesday, 18th Jan. 1928.  
 BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

GEMMA MARU ... .. Tuesday, 27th Dec.  
 AWA MARU ... .. Wednesday, 11th Jan.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.

RAKUYO MARU ... .. Friday, 23rd Dec.  
 SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape

Town & Ports. ... .. Friday, 20th Jan. 1928.  
 KAMAKURA MARU ... .. Friday, 23rd Dec.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.

TAKAOKA MARU ... .. Tuesday, 27th Dec.  
 LIVEPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.

DURBAN MARU ... .. Tuesday, 10th Jan. 1928.  
 CALOUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Bangkok.

NAGANO MARU ... .. Saturday, 31st Dec.  
 NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

MISHIMA MARU ... .. Friday, 20th Jan.  
 SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

BANGKOK MARU ... .. Friday, 23rd Dec.  
 MATSUYU MARU ... .. Friday, 23rd Dec.

KAMO MARU ... .. Tuesday, 27th Dec.  
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## Shipping News

Daily Statement, Waterfront  
News, etc.YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT  
RETURNS.

NORMAL LOCAL IMPORTS.

THROUGH CARGOES LOW.

Although there were 19 vessels arriving into port during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday, freights manifested for ports beyond the Colony were low. Local imports, however, remained normal. British vessels carried very little cargo either for the Colony or for ports beyond.

For Hong Kong, there were 18,798 tons of general merchandise imported. Of these, only 500 tons were contributed by one British ship.

The two best returns were 3,200 tons and 2,875 tons. The former were brought by the a.s. *Hung On*, from Port Kaituma, and the latter by the Norwegian ship *Tonjer* from Chinwangtao.

Through cargoes only amounted to 6,453 tons, of which, two British steamers accounted for 330 tons. The two best returns were also shown by the same vessels mentioned above. The former carried 1,300 tons and the latter 1,700 tons.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were the following:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	4	4
Japanese	4	2
Norwegian	2	0
Chinese	3	5
French	5	1
German	0	1
American	1	2
Total	19	15

## VESSELS EXPECTED.

American Mail Line.

President McKinley, Dec. 25th.

Australian-Oriental Line.

Taiping, Jan. 7th.

Changie, Feb. 7th.

Bank Line.

City of Peking, to-morrow.

City of Calcutta, Jan. 14th.

City of Madras, Jan. 21st.

City of Adelaide, Feb. 18th.

Ben Line.

Ben Hur, Dec. 25th.

Blue Funnel Line.

Patroclus, Dec. 25th.

Izium, Dec. 25th.

Perseus, Dec. 25th.

Tyndarus, Dec. 25th.

Pyrrhus, Dec. 25th.

Myrmidon, Jan. 9th.

Rhesus, Jan. 9th.

Hector, Jan. 12th.

Protector, Jan. 17th.

Troilus, Jan. 22nd.

Nereus, Jan. 31st.

Yingehou, Feb. 2nd.

Philotes, Feb. 5th.

Talthyphus, Feb. 7th.

Aeneas, Feb. 13th.

Autolyus, Feb. 19th.

Achilles, Feb. 27th.

Medon, Feb. 28th.

Polyphemus, Feb. 28th.

Bellerophon, Mar. 2nd.

Calchas, Mar. 4th.

Sarpedon, Mar. 8th.

British-India and Apcar Line.

Santhia, Jan. 2nd.

Garmula, Jan. 7th.

Canadian Pacific Line.

Empress of Asia, Dec. 29th.

## Dodd &amp; Co.

Cordy Castle, Jan. 1st.

Viminda, Jan. 2nd.

Bouca Castle, Jan. 2nd.

Dollar Steamship Line.

President Taft, Dec. 26th.

President Harrison, Dec. 31st.

East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen.

Java, to-day.

Australia, Feb. 15th.

Asia, Feb. 21st.

Eastern and Australian Lines.

St. Albans, Dec. 27th.

Arafura, Jan. 2nd.

Tanda, Feb. 8th.

Glen Line.

Glenogle, to-day.

Glenamoy, Jan. 20th.

Glenamoy, Jan. 28th.

Glenapp, Feb. 2nd.

Glenluce, Feb. 23rd.

Hamburg-Amerika Linie and

Rago, St. Louis Line.

Albert Vogler, Dec. 31st.

Oldenburg, Jan. 13th.

Havelland, Jan. 28th.

Macklenburg, Feb. 5th.

Emil Kirdoff, Feb. 23th.

Holland East Asia Line.

Oosterk, Jan. 10th.

Java-China-Japan Lijn.

Tjitehbang, Dec. 26th.

Tjiti, Jan. 2nd.

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## DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

## MARINE COURT.

[BY LONGSHOREMAN.]

Two minor offenders against the harbour regulations were tried at the Marine Court yesterday morning, before Comdr. G. F. Hole.

At the Marine Court yesterday morning, before Comdr. G. F. Hole, Li Mei, the mistress of a cargo boat, was charged with anchoring her craft in the Central Fairway, thereby causing an obstruction. Pleading guilty, the defendant stated that her rudder had broken down, this eliciting a remark from his Worship that it was quite possible to navigate a sailing vessel without a rudder. A fine of 85 with the alternative of five days' imprisonment was inflicted.

The master of a steam launch, was charged with towing two lighters abreast through the Southern Entrance of the Yee Shat Breakwater. Pleading guilty and admitting a previous conviction, the accused was fined 815, with the alternative of three weeks' hard labour.

## Harbour Office Holidays.

The official notification in connection with the Harbour Office holidays during the Christmas has now been exhibited. It states:—Monday and Tuesday, December 26th and 27th, having been declared a general holiday, the Harbour Office will be closed on these days. The Entry and Clearance Office will be open from 10 a.m. to noon each day and the Junk Office from 11 a.m. to noon.

## Two New Gunboats On West River.

The flag of the Rear-Admiral, Senior Officer on the Yangtze, is flown on H.M.S. *Bec*. The other gunboats under his command are the *Cockchafer*, *Cricket*, *Gnat*, *Manila*, *Scarab*, *Teal*, *Widgeon*, *Woodcock* and *Woodlark*.

The Senior Naval Officer on the West River has five gunboats, viz., *Taranitula*, *Moith*, *Cicala*, *Moorhen* and *Robin*.

To these have been added the armed launches *Paulkner*, *Onslaught* and *Nerissa*.

Two new gunboats which recently came out from Home have been fitted out here and are now up the River. The *Tern* is at Wuchow and the *Peter* at the 2nd Bar.

## "Tahshan" To Resume Run.

It is announced that the a.s. *Tahshan*, of the Hong Kong Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, completes her refit over the weekend and will resume sailings for Canton at midnight on Sunday, taking over the schedule of the a.s. *Lungshan*. The *Lungshan* will arrive from Canton on Saturday and will be taken in hand for refit at the Kowloon Dock on Sunday morning.

## Asiatic Deck Passengers.

Asiatic deck passengers numbering 1,123 were brought into the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday.

## Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.

Canton, Jan. 5th.  
 Delhi, Jan. 13th.

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"CITY OF TOKIO" ... .. Marseilles, Havre, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg ... .. 3rd January

"CITY OF CALCUTTA" ... .. Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg ... .. 18th "

"CITY OF PERIN" ... .. Havre, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg ... .. 14th February

"CITY OF BENARES" ... .. London, Rotterdam & Hamburg ... .. 20th "

AUSTRALIA ... .. SINGAPORE/AUSTRALIA ... .. AUSTRAL-INDIES LINE

"CITY OF SPARTA" ... .. Leave Singapore ... .. 7th January

"CITY OF PALERMO" ... .. Leave Singapore ... .. 7th February

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"CITY OF KIMBERLEY" ... .. via Suez Canal ... .. 20th February

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 AUSTRALASIA, INCLUDING NEW ZEALAND & QUEENSLAND  
 PORTS, RED SEA, EGYPT, CONSTANTINOPLE,  
 GREECE, LEVANTINE PORTS, RUSSIA, ETC.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL FORTNIGHTLY

DIRECT ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.

(UNDER CONTRACT WITH H.M. GOVERNMENT.)

Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"KASHGAR"	9,005	24th Dec. Noon	Marseilles, L'don, Antwerp & Hull
"MOREA"	10,953	7th Jan. 1928	Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	7th Jan. "	Straits and Bombay.
"DEVANHA"	9,144	21st Jan. "	Marseilles, L'don, Antwerp & Hull
"MALWA"	10,953	4th Feb. "	Marseilles and London.
"KHYBER"	9,144	18th Feb. "	Marseilles, L'don, Antwerp & Hull
"NELLOR"	9,144	25th Feb. "	Marseilles and London.
"MAEDONIA"	11,120	3rd Mar. "	do.
"KHYBER"	9,144	10th Mar. "	Marseilles, London and Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	9,985	17th Mar. "	Marseilles, L'don, Antwerp & Hull
"KASHMIR"	9,144	24th Mar. "	Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,946	31st Mar. "	do.
"KALYAN"	9,144	7th April "	Marseilles, London and Antwerp
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	14th April "	Marseilles and London.
"MOREA"	10,953	28th April "	do.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	12th May "	Marseilles



